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EDVARDI SEXTI.

# ACTES

made in the Parlaimente holden at Westminster, the first daie of Marche, in the. vii. yere of the reigne of our moste redoubted Souueraine Lorde Edward the. vi. By the grace of God, King of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendour of the faieith, and of the Church of Englande, and also of Irelande in earth the supreme head: And there continued to the dissolucion of the same being the laste daie of the saied moneth of Marche, as foloweth.





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## The first Chapitre:

An Acte for the true answering of the Kinges Ma-  
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Wherin as the Kinges  
Maiesties Treasourers, and ge-  
neral, and particular Receiuours,  
& Bailieues of his Honours, Ca-  
stelles, Lordshippes, Manours,  
Landes, & Tenementes, Reuer-  
sions, Possessions, and other his  
hereditamentes in England, Wa-  
les, and Calice, and the Marches  
of the same, or elsewhere within the  
Kinges dominiōs, haue not so iust-  
lie, speedie, neither due made  
verelie paymētes of soche summe,

and summes of moneie, as hath been by them, and euery of them re-  
ceiued of the Kinges Maiesties Reuenues, Possessions, & profictees,  
into the Kinges Maiesties Treasourie, according to their dueties,  
but verelie doe deteine, & kepe the same to their owne gaine, proficte  
& lucre, contrarie to al right, trueth, & equitie, & to the manifest iniu-  
rie, wrong, & hindraunce, of, and to the King our Souuerain Lord:  
Be it therefore enacted by the King our Souuerain lord, the Lor-  
des Spiritual, and Temporal, and the Communes of this present  
Parlamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that eue-  
ry Treasourer, and general, and particular Receiuour, Collectour,  
& Bailieue, & other minister accountaunte whiche now is charged,  
or chargeable with, or for the receipte of any of the Kinges Maie-  
sties moneie, Rentes, or Reuenues whatsoeuer, not being bounde  
with suretie, or sureties by obligacion, recognisaunce, or otherwise  
to our late Souuerain lord the King, or to our Souuerain lord the  
King that now is, for, or concerning their office, or offices, befoze the  
xx. daie of Decēbre nexte coming, or at any tyme, or times befoze the  
same. xx. daie of Decēbre, if thei, or any of them be reasonable requi-  
red, shal vpon paine of forfaiture of his office be boinde to the Kin-  
ges Maiestie by sufficiēt writing obligatorie in reasonable summe,  
or summes of moneie: the same writing obligatorie to be made with,  
or vpon condicion, that the persone whiche so shalbe bounden, his  
heires, Executours, administratours, Deputie, or Deputies, or one  
of them, from tyme to tyme, shal yelde a perfecte, and true accompte  
of al summes of moneie, and other thinges that the same Treasou-  
rer, and general, and particular Receiuour, Collectour, Bailieue, or  
other minister accountaunte, shall, maie, or reasonable might be  
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charged with, concerning, or by reason of his, or their Office, or Offices: And also shall make paymētes of thesame summes of moneie, at soche daies and times, and in soche maner, and fourme, as herafter in this Acte is expessed, and declared.

And be it ferther enacted, that all, and euery persone, & persones hereafter to be named, assigned, or appointed to be Treasurer, or general, or particular Receiuer, Collectour, or Bailiefe, or minister accoumptaunt of our saied Souuerain Lorde the King, shall befoze any their entrie, executing, vsing, or exercising of his, or their office, or offices, wherunto he, or thei shall be so nominated, or appointed together with suretie, or sureties, acknowlege, and make sufficient & laweful bonde, or bondes to the Kinges Maiestie in soche Courte of Recoꝛde, where thesame Officer, or Officers is, or shall be accouptable, and chargeable, that thei, their heires, Executours, administrators, assignes, or Deputies shall truelie accoumpte, and paie al soche summes of moneie, as shall come to their handes, or shall, maie, or reasonable might be charged with, concerning his, or their office, or offices to the Kinges vse within the circuite of their seuerall receipts, and Collections, at such, or like daies, and times, and in soche maner and fourme, as is abovesaid, to be contained in the conditions of euery of thesaid bondes, vpon peine of losse, and forfaiture of his, or their Office, or Offices, and of his, and their lettres Patentes of thesame Office, or Offices.

Be it ferther enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that euery Receiuer of the Kinges Maiesties Honours, Manours, Landes, Possessions, Rentes, and Reuenues for the time being, or his Deputie, or Deputies shall yerelie make his seueral preceptes, to al, and singular the Collectours, Ministers, and Bailifes accoumptaunte within the circuite of his office, charging and commaunding them on the Kinges Maiesties behalfe by thesame precepte, to appeare befoze them personallie, or by their sufficient Deputie, or Deputies, for whom thei wil answer, within the Countie where thesame offices, Bailiewikes, receipts, or collections dooe ligh, at a certain daie and place in thesame precepte to be limited, and to paie to the Kinges Maiesties vse soche Summes of moneie, as thei ought to dooe by reason of any of their saied Offices, being due to our saied Souuerain Lorde the King, at, or befoze the feast of Easter whiche thei haue, or maie by any lawefull, or due meane leue, or receiue within, or by reason of their saied Offices, or collections. And that thesame preceptes shall be seuerallie deliuered to euery of thesaid officers, Ministers, and Bailifes accoumptaunte, or to their Deputie, or Deputies, or elles be lefte at their dwelling houses, or at the Manour, Lordshippe, or place where their receipte, or collection is, or ought to be, twelue daies at the least befoze the daie of apparance



raunce to them geue, and pzeixed in thesame pzecepte, or pzeceptes.  
 And if any of thesaid ministers, Collectours, or Bailiefes accoump-  
 taunte vpon, or after any soche pzecepte, or pzeceptes at any time  
 hereafter made by any soche Receiuour, and being deliuered, or lefte  
 in fourme afozesaied, dooe make defaulte at thesame daie, and place  
 assigned, and appoincted, in, and by thesaid pzecepte, or pzeceptes,  
 that then thesame Collectour, minister, or Bailiefe accoumpptaunte  
 so making defaulte, and not appearing, as is afozesaied, and being  
 therof duellie, and lawefullie conuicted in the Courte where the Re-  
 uenue is, or shalbe answered, shal for the first offence lose, and for-  
 faicte to the King our Souueraine Lorde, his whole fee for that  
 yere, wherin he shal so make defaulte, or the value therof. And for  
 none paiemente of thesaid moneie due, & paieable, at, or befoze the-  
 said feaste of Easter, vnto our said Souueraine Lorde the King,  
 within, or by reason of his said Office, Collection, or Bailiewike,  
 shal lose, and forfaicte for the first offence of none paiemente. vi. s. of  
 the pounce, in the name of a peine, for euery moneth after thesaid  
 daie of apparaunce, vntil thesame moneie shalbe by him, or his De-  
 putie paid to the handes of thesaid Receiuour to the Kinges Ma-  
 iesties vse. And after the first defaulte of apparaunce made by any  
 of thesaid officers, and an other like pzecepte by thesaid Receiuour  
 be made, & deliuered, or lefte in fourme afozesaied, then thesaid Of-  
 ficer, or Officers making again defaulte, and being therof laweful-  
 lie conuicted, as is afozesaied, for the seconde defaulte, and offence of  
 none apparaunce shal lose, and forfaicte to the King our Souuerain  
 Lorde his Office, & fee: And for thesaid seconde offence in the none  
 paiemente of thesaid moneie due, and paieable within, and by rea-  
 son of his office, collection, or Bailiewike, at, or befoze thesaid feaste  
 of Easter, shal lose, and forfaicte. xii. s. of euery pounce, in the name  
 of a peine, for euery moneth after thesaid laste daie of apparaunce,  
 and defaulte made, as is afozesaied, vntil thesame moneie shalbe by  
 him, or his Deputie paid to the handes of thesaid Receiuour, to the  
 vse of our Souueraine Lorde the King.

And ferther be it enacted by thauuthoritie afozesaied that all, & e-  
 uery Auditour, and Auditours of our said Souueraine Lorde the  
 King of his Maiesties Honours, Manours, Landes, Possessions,  
 Rentes, & Reuenues, for the time being, or his, or their sufficiēt De-  
 putie, or Deputies shal haue ful power, and aucthoritie by vertue of  
 this Acte, yere lie to make their pzecepte, or pzeceptes to al ministers,  
 collectours, and Bailiefes accoumpptaunte, commaunding them on  
 the behalfe of our said Souuerain Lorde the King, to appeare, and  
 accoumpfte befoze him, or them personallie, or elles by their sufficient  
 Deputie, or Deputies at a place certein within the Countie, where  
 thesame landes, and possessions dooe ligh, at the Kinges Maiesties



Audite to be holden there yerelie betwene the feaste of S. Michael Tharchaungel, and the Natiuitie of our Lozde God, of, and for all Rentes, Reuenues, and profeictes due, and paieable within, or by reason of their saied Offices, Collections, or Bailiewikes, at, or before the feaste of S. Michael Tharchaungel nexte before thesame Audite, expressing in thesame precepte, or preceptes the time, & place, when, and where thesame ministers, Collectours, and Bailiefes accountable, or their sufficient Deputie, or Deputies for whom they wil answer, shal appeare, thesame preceptes to be deliuered to the same ministers, Collectours, or Bailiefes accountpante, or their Deputie, or Deputies, or left at their dwelling houses, or at the Manour, or Deshippe, or place where their receiptes, or collections is, or ought to be. xij. daies at the least before the daie of apparaunce to him, or them prefixed in thesame precepte, or preceptes. And if any minister, Collectour, or Bailiefe accountpante doe not appeare before thesaied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies at thesaied Audite, according to thesaied precepte, or elles if he dooe appeare, and refuse to accountpe for his saied receipte, collection, or Bailiewike before thesaied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies: that then thesaied minister, Collectour, or Bailiefe accountpante so making defaulte, and not appearing, or so refusing to accountpe, as is aforesaid, & being thereof duellie, and lawefullie couicted in the Courte where the Reuenue is, or shalbe answerable, shal for his first offence lose, and forsaicte to our Souuerain Lozde the King his whole fee for that yere, wherein he shal so make defaulte, or the value thereof: and for the none paiement of thesaied moneie due, and paieable within his Collection, Office, or Bailiewike, at, or before thesame feaste of S. Michael Tharchaungel, shal lose, and forsaicte to the King our Souueraine Lozde for his saied first offence. vi. pence of euery pounce, in the name of a peine, for euery moneth after thesaied daie of apparaunce, and defaulte made, as is aforesaid, vntil he, or his sufficient Deputie, or Deputies shal accountpe before thesaied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies for his saied Collection, Receipte, or Bailiewike. And also paie vnto the handes of thesaied Receiuer, or Receiuours, all, and euery soche summe, and summes of moneie, as shalbe iustlie founde due by thesaied accountpante before thesaied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies, to the Kinges Maiestie vpon the foote, & determination of his accountpe. And after the first defaulte of apparaunce made before thesaied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies by any of thesaied Officers accountpant being so warned, as is aforesaid: And after another like precepte made, and deliuered, or left in fourme aforesaid: That then thesaied Officer, or Officers



Officers that so shal make again defaulte of apparaunce, for thesaid seconde offence in making defaulte in his apparaunce, as is aforesaid, and being therof duellie, & lawefullie convicted in the Courte, where the Reuenue of his saied office is, or shalbe answerable, shal loose, and forsaicte to the King our Souveraine Lorde his Office, & fee. And for the seconde offence in the none paiemente of thesaid moneie due, and paieable with, and by reason of his receipte, collection, or Bailiewike, at, or before thesaied feast of S. Michael the Archchaungel, shal loose, & forsaicte to our Souveraine Lorde the King xij. pence of euery poundes, in the name of a peine, for euery moneth after thesaied last daie of apparaunce, & defaulte made, as is aforesaid, vntil he, or his sufficient Deputie, or Deputies shal accompte before thesaied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies for thesaied receipte, collection, or Bailiewike. And also paie vnto the handes of thesaied Receiour, or Receiours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies to the Kinges vse al soche summes of moneie, as shalbe iustlie founde due by thesaied accomptaunte vpon the foote, and determination of his saied accompte.

And ferther be it enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that all, and euery Receiour, & Receiours of the Kinges Maiesties Honours, Manours, Landes, Possessions, Rentes, or Reuenues shal make readie, and ful paiemente yerelie to the Treasourer, or general Receiour of the Courte, where thesaied Reuenue is, or shalbe answerable, or otherwise, as he, or they are, or shalbe appointed, & assigned by sufficient warraunte, of al soche summes of moneie, as he or they shal knowe to be due to our Souverain Lorde the King, and can by any laweful, or due meane obtaine, get, haue, or receiue of the rentes, or reuenues of our saied Souverain lorde the King, within, or by reason of their offices being due, at, or before the feast of Easter by the .xx. daie of June then nexte folowing, at the ferthest. And also shal make like paiemente yerelie of all their like receiptes of the Rentes, and Reuenues of our saied Souverain lorde the King, that shalbe due, at, or before the feast of S. Michael Tharchaungel, by the .xx. daie of Januarie then nexte folowing at the ferthest, vpon peine of losse, and forsaiciture, for euery defaulte at any of thesaied daies, twoo pence of euery ponde, for euery daie that thesaied moneie so by them, or any of them shalbe vnpaid.

And also it is ferther enacted that al, and euery thesaied Receiour, and Receiours, or their Deputie, or Deputies for whom they wil answer, shal entre into their accompte yerelie in the Terme of Sainte Hilarie, and fullie, and clerelie finishe thesame accompte before the .x. daie of Marche then nexte folowing, and make ful, and readie paiemente of the moneie that shal appeare to be due vpon the foote, and determination of thesame accompte, before the .xx. daie



of thesaied moneth of Marche, vpon peine of forsaicture to our saied Souuerain Lorde the King their offices, and fees, and. iiii. s. of the pounce for euery daie that thei shall deteine, and withholde thesaied moneie without making any paiemente therof, as is aforesaid.

And ferther be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesaid that al, & euery Receiuours, Collectours, & Bailiefes of any the Kinges Honours, Manours, landes, Tenementes, Rentcs, or Reuenues for lacke of paiemente, & leuiyng of their saied rentes, issues, & Reuenues within their offices, & charges, shal, & maie haue power, & aucthoritie from henceforth by vertue of this Acte to distreigne for thesame, & to vse, & orde thesame distresses in soche sorte, & fourme, as any officer, or officers of the Kinges Courte of the Exchequier for leuiyng & lacke of paiemente of the Kinges Rentcs, & Reuenues answerable in the same Courte, heretofore haue lawefullie dooen, & maie lawefullie vse to dooe, deliuering to the partie distreigned the surplusage, & ouerplus of the value of euery soche distresse, if any shalbe, the Kinges debtes, & dueties being first paied, & the distreignaunt answered of reasonable costes, & that the head, & chief officer, or officers of euery of the Kinges Courtes of Reuenue, being of Recoꝛde, or that shalbe of Recoꝛde, shal haue ful power, & aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte to sette, and assesse reasonable fines, and amerciamentes vpon any Sheriefe, or Sheriefes for not retourning, or misretourning of any writte to them directed, & deliuered out of any of thesame Courtes, touching, or concerning the leuiyng, or answering of any of thesaid issues, Rentcs, or Reuenues, or of any debte due to our saied Souuerain Lorde the King in soche sorte, & after soche maner, & fourme, as now is, or heretofore hath been lawefullie vsed in the like, and soche other cases in the Kinges highnesse Courte of the Exchequier.

Be it also ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that all Treasourers, & Chamberlaines, & general receiuours of any of the Kinges graces Courtes of Reuenue, for the time being, & all customers, & collectours of Customes, or certein, & stalled subsidies within any Poꝛte, Hauē, or Creke of this the Kinges realme of Englād, that now be, or hereafter shalbe, within. x. daies nexte after notice to him, or them genen from the King, or. vi. of his moste honourable Priuie Counsaile in writing signed with their handes, shal by themselves, or their sufficient Deputie, or Deputies, for who thei will answer, declare in writing, what summes of moneie then being due vnto our saied Souueraine Lorde the King, be at that time in his, or their handes, or custodie, and shal make readie, and ful paiemente of al thesaid summes of moneie, as then shal remaine in his, or their handes, or custodie, ouer, and aboue thordinarie paiementes, & summes of moneie contained, and expessed in sufficient warraunte, or warrauntes, resting, and remaining in his, or their Office, or Offices,



ces, and being in their ful force, strengthe, and effecte, and not lawe-  
fullie cōtremāunded, nor reuoked to their knowelege, to the vse of  
our Souueraine Lorde the King at soche time, and in soche sorte,  
as he, or thei shalbe commaunded, and appointed by sufficient war-  
raunt, vpon peine of forsaicteure of his, or their Office, or Offices.

And be it ferther enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that the  
same Treasourers, Chamberlaines, & general Receiuours by them-  
selues, or by their Deputie, or Deputies, for whom thei will aun-  
swere, shal yerlie, befoze the .xx. daie of June, make a perfecte ac-  
coumpte of al soche moneie, or treasoure as hath comen to their han-  
des to the Kinges vse, yerlie, at, or befoze the .xx. daie of Marche  
then next befoze thesaid .xx. daie of June, and shal make a perfecte  
and whole declaracion in wryting, of the moneie remaining in euery  
of their handes to the Kinges Maiestie, or to his Priue Counsaill  
yerlie befoze the last daie of June then nexte folowing, and make  
paiement of thesame at soche time, and in soche sorte, as he, or thei  
shalbe commaunded, or appointed by sufficient warraunte, vpon  
peine of forsaicteure of his, or their Office, or Offices.

And be it ferther enacted, that if any Treasourer, Receiuour, or  
minister accountaunte, or their Deputie, or Deputies dooe take, or  
receiue of any persone, or persones any summe, or summes of mo-  
neie, or other profite, of, and for the paiement of any fees, Annu-  
ties, Pensions, duties, or warrauntes, more, or otherwise then he,  
or thei maie lawefullie dooe by fozeine lawes, and Statutes therein  
prouided: that then thesaid Treasourer, Receiuour, and minister so  
offending shal forsaicte, and lose for euery pennie, or pennie woorth  
so to be taken, or receiued. vi s. viij. d. to the partie grieved, to be re-  
couered in any of the Kinges Courtes of Recorde, by bille, plainte,  
or Action of debte, in whiche suite no wager of lawe, essoine, or pro-  
tection shalbe allowed.

And be it also enacted, that if any Auditour, or Auditours, or his,  
or their Deputie, or Deputies whiche ought to take the accōpte of  
any Treasourer, Chamberlaine, Receiuour, or other officer accōp-  
table befoze him, or them, dooe refuse, or willinglie protracte, & de-  
laie the taking of thesame accōmpte in soche wise, as it cannot be  
finished within the time, or times limited, & appointed by this Acte,  
for the taking, and finishing thereof, that then euery Auditour so re-  
fusing, or protracting, and delaiyng, as is aforesaid, and being ther-  
of duellie, and lawefullie conuicte in the Courte where the Reuenue  
or charge of thesame accōmpte, is, or shalbe answerable to the  
King, shal incurre, forsaicte, and lose soche like peine, losse, and for-  
saicteure, as the Treasourer, Chamberlaine, Receiuour, or other of-  
ficer abouesaid, shal, and ought to dooe by this Acte, for not accōp-  
ting of, and for their charges, and Office, or Offices. And there by  
thesame



thesame Treasourer, Chamberlaine, Receiuer, and other Officer that should accoumpte, and shalbe refused, or shalbe protracted, and delated, as is aforesaid, shalbe discharged of any peine, losse, or forfaiture for not accoumpting, as is abovesaid.

And be it further enacted that the duplicate, or copie of every accoumpte that shalbe made by any Treasourer, or Receiuer, or by their Deputie, or Deputies, in forme aforesaid, within conuenient time after the finishing of thesame accoupte, and at the reasonable requeste, and costes of suche accoumptaunte, shalbe deliuered to the, or any of them subscribed with the handes of the Auditour, or Auditours, that shal take thesame accoumpte, or of his, or their Deputie, or Deputies for whom he, or they wil answer, vpon peine that thesame Auditour, or Auditours shal lose, and forfeite to the Kinges Maiestie. x. l. for every soche defaulte.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thing therein contained shal in any wise extend to charge any Archebishops, or Bishops of this Realme, or of any other the Kinges Maiesties dominions, or any of them at any time hereafter to make any maner of bondes, or to make their accoumpte, and paiement of the tenthes arising, and growing within any of their diocese due, or to be due to our said Souuerain lord the King, otherwise, or in any other maner, and forme, then they, or any of them heretofore haue been charged, or accoumptable, & chargeable by the Lawes, and Statutes of this Realme, any thing in this Acte to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies that this Acte, or any thing therein contained, shal not extend to cause the Rentes, Profites, and Reuenue rising, and growing to the Kinges Maiestie within the Towne, or Marches of Calice, to be answered, or paid otherwise, or at any other daies, or times, then heretofore hath been used, and accustomed, any thing in this Acte to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thing therein contained shal in any wise extend to touche, or charge any Sheriefe, Excheatour, or Collector of any dismes, quindismes, beneuolences, contributions, or Subsidies (Subsidies of Tonnage, and poundage onely excepte) but that they, & every of them shal, and maie dooe, and exercise their said seuerall Offices, and paie soche summes of moneie, as they, or any of them be, or hereafter shalbe charged withall by their said seuerall Offices, in suche, and like sorte, maner, and forme, as they, and every of them haue vsuallie dooen, or should, or ought to dooe, if this Acte had neuer been had, or made: This Acte, or any thing therein contained in any wise to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

¶ The.ij. Chapitre.

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An Acte for the dissoluing, vniſing, or annexing of certain Courtes, latelie erected by the King that dead is.



Here in the. xxvij. yere of the late King of famous memorie King Henrie theight, father to the Kinges Maiestie, that now is, there was ordeined, made, stablished, and enacted by auctoritie of Parlamente a certain Courte, communelie called, the Courte of thaugmentaciōs of the Reuenues of the Kinges Crowne: And where also in the. xxxij. yere of the said late King there was made and erected by auctoritie of Parlamente, twoo seuerall Courtes, the one comunelie called, the Courte of the first fruites, & Tenthes: & the other, the Courte of the Kinges Wardes: And where also in the. xxxij. yere of the said late King, there was made, stablished, and erected by auctoritie of Parlamente, one Courte, communelie called, the Courte of the general Surueighours of the Kinges landes: And where there is one other Courte, communelie called, the Courte of the Duchie of Lancastre: after whiche said seuerall Courtes so erected, as is aforesaid, the said late King did repeale, and dissolue, extinguishe, & determine, aswel the said Courte of Augmentacion of the Reuenues of the Kinges Crowne, as also the said Courte of general Surueighours of the Kinges landes, & the Officers of the said late Courtes of Thaugmentaciones of the Kinges Crowne, and general Surueighours of the Kinges landes, did surrendre their Patentes, and Offices into the said late Kinges handes: And after the said late King did, by his lettres Patentes, erecte one other Courte, called, the Courte of Augmentacion, & Reuenues of the Kinges Crowne, and did, by the same his lettres Patentes, constitute, and appointe diuerse Officers, and ministres for the supplying therof, as by the same lettres Patentes, more plainlie and at large, it maie, and dooeth appeare. And forasmuche as seng the erection of the said Courte of Augmentacion, and Reuenues of the Kinges Crowne stablished, and erected by lettres Patentes, as is aforesaid, diuerse ambiguities, and doubtres haue risen, and growen, emong soche as be learned in the Lawes of the Realme, whither the dissoluing, extinguisching, and repealing of the said late Courtes erected by auctoritie of Parlamente, as is aforesaid, might by thordre of the Lawe be dissolued, extinguisshed, and repealed by lettres Patentes, considering that the commencement of the were first had, and made by auctoritie of Parlamente, Yea, or no: Whereupon great inconueniencies might ensue, aswel to the Kinges Maiestie, as to diuerse of his graces moste louing and obedient subjects,



tectes, who haue had by exchaunge, purchase, gifte, or other wise diuerse Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other hereditamentes: For remedie, and declaracion wherof.

Be it enacted by the King our Souuerain Lorde, and the Lordes, and Communes in this present Parlamente assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that thesaied lettres Patentes so made by thesaied late King, and al, and euery thing, and article therein contained shalbe as good, auailable, and effectual in the lawe, to al ententes, constructiones, and purposes, as though thesame had been made, and dooen by aucthoritie of Parlamente.

And be it ferther enacted by aucthoritie aforesaid, that the Kinges Maiestie, shall, or maie at any time during his natural life (whiche God long perserue) by his graces lettres Patentes, vnder his great Seale of Englande, at his moste gracious wille, & pleasure, alre, chaunge, vnite, transpose, dissolue, or determine, al, or any of thesaied Courte, or Courtes, and to reduce thesame Courtes, or any of them into one, twoo, or moze Courte, or Courtes, or to vnite, and annexe thesaied Courtes, or any twoo, or moze of theim together, or to any other of his Maiesties Courtes of Record: Or to erecte any other newe Courte, or Courtes, as to his highnesse shalbe thought moste conuenient, and beste, for the better, surer, and moze spedie aunswering of his yerelie Reuenues, casualties, or profeictes now aunswearable in thesaied Courtes, or in any of them: And that al, and singular soche alteracions, chaunginges, vnitinges, annexinges, transposinges, dissoluinges, or determinacions of thesaied Courtes, or of any of them, so to be altered, chaunged, vnited, annexed, transposed, dissolued, or determined, or otherwise newelie to be erected, as is aforesaid, and concerning an ordze for the true paiement of the Reuenues, Rentes, Issues, Casualties, and Profeictes of our saied Souueraine Lorde the King, as shalbe sette forth, and declared in any soche lettres Patentes, or writinges, vnder his great Seale of Englande, hereafter to be made, sette forth, and declared, shalbe of soche like, and of thesame force, and strength to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, as though thesame were, or shoulde haue been sette forth, or declared by aucthoritie of Parlamente, thesaied seuerall erectiones, or any other thing heretofore had, or made to the contrarie therof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaie, and be it enacted by th aucthoritie aforesaid, that any thing contained in thesaied lettres Patentes, made by thesaied late King, or in the lettres Patentes hereafter to be made by the Kinges highnesse that now is, concerning any peines, penalties, rules, or ordzes made, or to be made, for the leuiyng of the Kinges Reuenues, Rentes, Issues, Casualties, or profeictes, shal not in any wise extende to charge any of the Kinges Subiectes in any other



other maner, or fourme, then thei, or any of theim ought lawfully to haue been charged by the Lawes of the Realme, befoze the first date of this present Parliament, or by any Statute made, or to be made in this present Session of Parliament.

Provided also, and be it ferther enacted by aucthoritie aforesaid, that thesaid Letters Patentes, made in the time of thesaid late king, or any other Letters Patentes herafter to be made by the kinges highnesse that now is, or any thing, or matter contained in this Acte, shall not in any wise extende to geue any power, or aucthoritie to the Chauncellour, and genetall Sutteighours of thesaid Courte of the Augmentacion, and reuenues of the kinges crowne, or to any Officer or Officers of thesame Courte, or to any other Courte, or Courtes, herafter to be erected by the kinges Maiestie, as is aforesaid, or to any other Officer, or Officers to be appointed in any of thesame courtes herafter to be erected by the kinges highnesse, as is aforesaid, to heare, or determine any plee, matier, or cause betwene any of the kinges Subiectes, but onely in soche case, where the kinges highnesse is onely a mere, and a sole partie: Sauyng to all, and euery persone, and persones, and bodie Politique, and Corporate, and to euery of them soche Offices of Stewardshippes, Offices of Masterhippes of any Game, or Games, keepers of Forestes, Chaces, Parkes, Houses, and Castelles, and the profeites therunto belongyng, and all rentes, annuities, and fees, as thei, or any of theim haue, or ought to haue, if this Acte had neuer been had, ne made.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thing therein contained, shall in any wise extende, or be construed to take awaie, extinct, or determine from any persone, or persones, their heires, successours, or assignes, or from any of theim, any fees, Annuities, Pensions, Stipendes, or Annuall paymentes of any summes of money, whiche thei, or any of theim haue, or of right might, or ought Lawfully to haue by any Letters Patentes, or other sufficient wrytyng made befoze the .xxvi. date of Marche, in the .vii. yere of the reigne of our Souerein Lorde the king that now is, but that all and euery persone, and persones, their Heires, Successours, Executours, and Assignes, and euery of theim, whiche haue, or herafter shall haue any fee, Annuitie, Stipende, Pension, or Annuall payment of any Summe, or Summes of money payable yerely in any of thesaid Courtes, or by handes of any Officer, or officers of any of thesame Courtes, shall, and may perceiue, take, and receiue thesame, and shall yerely therof be paid of the kinges Treasure at the daies, and times comprised in soche Letters Patentes, or other wrytynges in any of thesaid Courtes, where now thesame is, or ought to be payable, as long as thesaid Court shall remain, and haue

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any beyng: And after in suche Court, or Courtes, as shall please the king newly to erect by thandes of thofficers of thesame court, and for default therof in any of the kinges courtes, wherin sufficient reuenue shalbe to aunswere thesame of the kinges Treasure there, by the handes of thofficers of thesame Court, in suche like maner, and fourme, as thesame persone, and persones, their Heires, Executours, and Assignes, or any of theim should, and might haue dooen, or been paid, in any other place, or court, if this Acte had neuer been had, or made, any thing in this Acte contained, or any other thing hereafter to be dooen, by reason, colour, or aucthoritie of this Acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

**The.iii. Chapitre.**

**An Acte for the confirmation of the Kinges Maiesties letters Patentes of bargaines, and sales, notwithstanding the lacke, or losse of the particulars, or the Bill assigned of the Patentee.**



Whereas in the Session of the Parliament holden upon Prorogacion at Westminster, the twentieth and twoo daie of Januarie, in the. xxxiii. yere of the reigne of the late King of famous memorie King Henrie the eight, and there continued, and kept untill the. xii. daie of Maie, in the. xxxv. yere of the reigne of thesaied late King, emonges diuerse and sondrie, and many statutes, there was then one Statute made for the confirmation of letters Patentes, notwithstanding any misnampng, misprision, or mischeatfall, or any other default contained, or rehearsed in thesame Acte: Wherin it was provided, and enacted by thaucthoritie of thesame Parliament, that al, and singular suche Patentees, grauntees, and Donees, as at any time from the makynge of thesame Statute, durynge. vii. yeres then next folowynge should fortune to haue, or obtene any Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Tithes, Pensions, Portions, or other Hereditamentes of the gift, graunt, sale, or exchaunge of the Kinges Maiestie, or of the onely gift of the Kinges Maiestie, of his mozte liberall disposicion, and not solde, whiche at the date of the date of the Letters Patentes therof made should be of moze, and better yerely value to the King in yerely Rent, and ferme, then should be contained, mencioned, or specified in any suche Letters Patentes, and particulars therof made by the Auditoure, or Auditoures, and in suche Bill, or Billes, as should be signed, and sealed with the hande, or handes of the Patentee, or Patentees therof to be exhibited to the kinges Maiestie, or his Officer, or officers, within whose Surueigh thesaid Manours,



Manours, Landes, and Tenementes, and other the premisses, or any parte thereof shoulde bee, or within any of them, whiche Bille should be signed, Sealed, hadde, and made, as is aforesaid, before any Billes shoulde bee thereof signed by the Kinges Maiestie, that then euery of thesaid Patentees, grauntees, and donees, their heires, executours, and administratours, within one yere next after due profe, and decree thereof hadde, and made in the court, within whose Surueigh thesame Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other the premisses, or any parcel thereof then should be, shoulde contente, and paie vnto the king for thesame ouerplus, and more value for thesame Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Tithes, Pensions, Portions, and other Hereditamentes to him solde, or exchaunged after soche rate, as the other Landes, and Tenementes, were before to him solde, or exchaunged, and for the ouerplus, and more value of soche Landes, and Tenementes, as shoulde happen to bee geuen by the kinges Maiestie, and not solde, as is abouesaid: The said Patentee, his Heires, Executours, or Administratours, should content, and paie to the king after the rate of twentie yeres purchase: So that thesame Profe, and Decree were hadde, and made in fourme abouesaid within tenne yeres next after the Date of thesaid Letters Patentes, as by the Statute more at large it dooeth, and maie appeare. And also whereas in the Parliament begonne at Westminster the .iiii. daie of Nouēbre, in the first yere of the reigne of our most dread Souueraine Lorde the King that now is, King Edward the sixt, and from thens continued to the .xxiii. daie of Decembre then next ensuing: That is to saie, the first Session of thesame Parlamēte, emonges diuerse, and sondrie Statutes, there was then also one other Statute made for the Confirmation of Letters Patentes, notwithstanding any misnaming, misrehearsall, or any other default contained, or rehearsed in thesame Act: wherein it was also prouided, and enacted by the Authozitie of thesame Parlamēte, that al, and singular soche Patentees, grauntees, and donees, as at any time after thesaid Parlamēte, and during the life of our said Souueraine Lorde King Edward the sixt, shoulde fortune to haue, or obtaine, any Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Tithes, Pensions, Portions, or other Hereditamentes of the gifte, Graunt, Sale, or Exchaunge of the Kinges Maiestie, or of the onely gifte of the Kinges Maiestie of his moste liberall disposition, and not solde, whiche at the daie of the date of the Letters Patentes thereof made, shoulde bee of more, or better yerelie value to the king in yerelie rent, and ferme the should be contained, mencioned, and specified in any soche Letters Patentes, and Particulars thereof made by the particular surueighour, or Surueighours thereof. And in soche bille, or billes, as should be sig-



ned, and sealed with the hande, or handes of the Patentee, or Patentees therof to be exhibited to the Kinges Maiestie, or his officer or officers within whose surueigh thesaied Manours, Landes, and Tenementes, and other the Premisses, or any parte therof shoulde bee, or within any of theim, whiche bille shoulde bee signed, sealed, hadde, and made, as is aforesaid, befoze any Bille shoulde be therof signed by the kinges Maiestie: That then euery of thesaied Patentees, Grauntees, and Donees, their Heires, Executours, or Administratours within one yere next after due proofo, and decrees therof made, and had in the Court, within whose surueigh thesame Castellles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other the premisses or any parcell therof befoze thesaied giftes, & grauntes were, shulde content and paie to the King for thesame ouerplus, and moze value of thesame Manours, Landes, Tenementes, tithes, Pensiones, portions, & other hereditamentes to him solde, & exchaunged after soche rate as other Landes, & tenementes were befoze to him solde, or exchaunged, & for the ouerplus, and moze value of soche Landes, & tenementes, as shoulde happen to be geuen by the Kinges Maiestie, & not solde, as is aboue saied, thesaied Patentee, his Heires, executours, or Administratours shoulde contente, and paie to the king after the rate of .xx. yerres purchase, so that thesame proofo, and Decree were hadde, and made, in maner, and fourme aforesaid, within tenne yerres nexte after the date of thesaied Lettres Patentes, as by thesame Statute moze at large it dooeth, and maie appeare: Wherupon the making of whiche Statutes, diuers of thesaied Patentees, grauntees, and donees, according to the true meaning, and entente of thesaied Statutes, and prouisions of thesame, haue by their Billes seuerall, Signed, and Sealed with the handes, and seales of thesaied Patentees, exhibited to the kinges Maiestie, or to his officer mentioned in thesaied seuerall Actes, and prouisions, befoze thesame Bille were signed by thesaied late king, or by the kinges highnesse that now is: whiche Billes so signed by thesaied Patentees, sometime by the negligence of thesame Officers, or their Clerkes, sometime by the death of thesame officers, and sometime by the Alteration, and chaunge of thesaied officers, many of thesaied Billes so signed, and sealed, been now by negligence embeseled, and losse, and many times there haue been no soche Billes made, but omitted and forgotten: by reason wherof diuerse Questions, ambiguities, and doubttes maie arise, aswell for the kinges suretie, and satisfaction, as for the Patentees, their heires, and assignes: For the auoiding of all whiche ambiguities, questions, and doubttes: Bee it enacted by the king our Souueraine Lorde, the Lordes Spirituall, and Temporal, and the Communes in this presente Parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that aswell all,

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and singular Letters patentees made by the said late king, as by the Kinges Maestie that now is, sithens the making of the said seuerall statutes, and actes, or that hereafter shalbe made by our said Soueraine Lorde the king that now is, during his life, (whose life God long preserve) shalbe good, and effectuell to all, and euery patentee, their heires, and assignes, the lacke, or want of any soche bill, or billes or whether the particular, or particulars wer had, or made, or hereafter to be had, or made by any of the kinges auditour, or auditours surueighour, or surueighours in any wise notwithstanding. And that the same patentees, grauntees, and donees, their heires, & assignes, and euery of them shal from henceforth haue, and take, all, and singular soche profitees, benefitees, commodities, and aduauntages mencioned in the said seuerall Statutes, as though the said billes had been signed, & sealed, and were redie to be shewed, according to the true entent of the said statutes, or any of them.

And to the entent the king shalbe trulie answered of thouerplus of the yerelie value of the said manours, landes, & tenementes, and hereditamentes contened, or to be contened in any soche lettres patentees, as is aforesaid, according to the true meaning of the said Acte, or Actes, and the prouisions of the same: Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all, and singular soche Patentees, grauntees, and donees, as at any time from the making of the said seuerall statutes haue obtained, or gotten, or hereafter shal obtaine, or get any Castelles, manours, Landes, tenementes, Tithes, pensions, portions, or other hereditamentes of the gifte, graunte, sale, or exchaunge of the said late king, or of the king that now is, or of thonellie gift of the said kinges, or of any of the, of his, or their most liberall disposition, or of any of the, & not solde, whiche at the date of the letters patentees therof made, or hereafter to be made, shalbee of more, or better yerelie value to the said late king, or to the king, that now is in yerelie rente, and ferme, then is, and shalbe contened mencioned, or specified in any soche lettres patentees, or particulars therof made by the said Auditour, or Auditours, Surueighour, or Surueighours, or other officers, that then euery of the said Patentees, grauntees, and donees, their executours, and assignes, within one yere next after due prooffe, and decree thereof made, and hadde in the courte within whose surueigh the same Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other the premises, or any parcel therof then were, or shalbe, shall contente, and paie vnto the king for the same ouerplus, and more value for the same Manours, Landes, tenementes, Tithes, pensions, portions, and other hereditamentes to him, or them solde, or exchaunged, or hereafter to bee solde, or exchaunged after soche rate, as the other landes, and tenementes wer befoze to him solde, or exchaunged, or that hereafter shalbe so sold, or



exchaunged, and for the ouerplus, and moze value of soche Landes, and Tenementes as hath been geuen by thesaied late King, or the Kinges Maiestie that now is, or that hereafter shalbe geuen by the King that now is, and not solde, as is abouesaid, thesaied Patentee and Patentees, & his, and their heires, executours, and assignes shal content, and paie to the King after the rate of .xx. yerres purchase, so that thesame pzoofe, and decree be, or shalbe made, in fourme afozesaied, within .xvi. yerres next after the date of soche, and thesame lettres Patentees made, or to be made, in fourme afozesaied.

Þrouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie afozesaied, that this acte, or any pzoouision therin conteined, shal not in any wise extende to confirme, ratifie, or make good any Lease, or leases made, or hereafter to be made for terme of life, liues, or yerres, where vpon the olde, and accustomed rentes, or moze be not, or hereafter shal not be reserued, and yerelie payable during the time, and terme of thesaied lease, and leases, nor to any lease, or leases made in reuer lion of any parte, or parcel of any Manours, Landes, Tenementes or hereditamentes parcel of the Duchie of Lancastre, or within the Surueigh of thesame Duchie.

Þrouided also, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie afozesaied, that this acte, nor any thing therin conteined, shal exted to confirme, ratifie, or make good any lettres Patentees heretofore made, or hereafter to bee made of estate of enheritaunce, by any king, or kinges of this Realme, but to soche lettres Patentees, as were made by the saied late king Henrie theight, sens thesaied .iiii. date of febzuarie, in thesaied .xxvi. yere of his Reigne, or hath been, or hereafter shalbee made by the kinges Maiestie that now is during his life (whiche God long pzoferue) any thing, or matier conteined in this Acte, or in any of the pzoouisions befoze rehearsed to the contrarie therof in any wise notwithstanding.

And where also the late king of famous memozie Henrie theight and also our Souueraine Lozde the kinges Maiestie that now is, as well by diuerse bargaines, and sales, for diuerse great summes of moneie, as by giftes, exchaunges, or otherwise haue geuen, & graunted by their seuerall lettres Patentees, vnder the great seale of Englande, or vnder the great seale of the Duchie of Lancastre, diuerse manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes with the appurtenaunces to diuerse, and sondrie their louing subiectes, of any estate of enheritaunce to holde in Socage onely, and not in Capite, for all maner of seruices, and without reseruatiou of any Tenthes, or rentes in thesame lettres Patentees, as by thesame seuerall Letters patentees maie appeare. And forasmuche as by certeine Statutes heretofore made, doubtes, and ambiguities maie arise vpon soche Letters Patentees for lacke of Tenures in Capite, or reseruati-  
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tions of tenthes, or rentes whiche might be hereafter to the ynqui-  
etnesse of soche Patentees, their heires, assignes, or successours con-  
trarie to the ententes, and mindes of thesaied late King, and of our  
saied Soueraine Lorde the Kinges Maiestie that now is: for the  
aduoiding of all doubttes, and ambiguities, and for the quietenesse  
of the Kinges louing Subiectes: Be it also enacted, and established  
by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all Lettres Patentees Sealed, or  
hereafter to be sealed with the greatesse of Englande, or with the  
great Seale of the Duchie of Lancastre, shalbee good, perfeite, and  
auailable in Lawe to all ententes, and purposes, according to the  
saied Lettres Patentees, the nonage of our Soueraine Lorde the  
Kinges Maiestie that now is, as Duke of Lancastre, albeit alwaies  
as King, he is of fulle Age, or any Acte, Statute, or Lawes, for or  
concerning any Tenures, or reseruacions of Rentes, or Tenthes to  
the contrarie notwithstanding: Saving to all, and euery personne,  
and persones, bodiees Politique, and Corporate, their Heires, Suc-  
cessours, executours, and assignes, and to euery of theim, other then  
the Kinges Maiestie, his heires, and Successours, as Kinges of this  
Realme, or as Dukes of Lancastre, all, and euery soche Rightes,  
Titles, Leases, Conditions, Rentes, and interestes whatsoeuer, as  
thei, or any of theim shoulde, ought, or might haue hadde, if this acte  
hadde neuer ben hadde, or made. This acte, or any thing therein con-  
teined to the contrarie, in any wise notwithstanding.

The.iiii. Chapitre.

An Acte that all patentees of Collectourshippes  
of Tenthes shalbe bounde for their  
Collections.



Where the Archebischoppes, and Bischoppes of this  
Realme of Englande are bounde to the Kinges  
Maiestie for the Collecting, and true Paiement  
of the Dismes, or Tenthes due to his High-  
nesse for all, and singulare Benefices, and other  
Ecclesiasticall Promotions whatsoeuer being  
within their seueralle Dioceses: for the Collection  
whereof, diuerse of the predecessours of thesaied Archebischoppes, and  
Bischoppes haue by their lettres patentees confirmed with Chaptre  
seale geuen, and graunted to sundrie persones without prouision of  
sufficient bondes for the true Collection, and paiement of thesaied  
Dismes, or Tenthe, to our Soueraine Lorde, or otherwise, to  
discharge the Grauntours of thesaied Patentees, and their Suc-  
cessours, whereby the Kinges Maiestie hath been greatlie defrau-  
ded of his saied due, and many of thesaied Bischoppes sore trou-  
bled, to their great hindraunce, and vtter vndoing.

Be it therefore enacted by our Soueraine Lorde the King,

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with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall, and Tempozall, and the Communes in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that all Collectours of thesaied Tenthes vnder any Archebischoppe, or Bischoppe within this Realme of Englande, or other the kinges dominions, hauing Lettres Patentes, or other wrytinges of their saied office of Collectourshippe of thesaied Tenthes, shal befoze the feast of the Natiuitie of Sainte Ihon Baptiste next coming, be bounde by their sufficiēt wryting obligatorie, or recognisaunce, in the Court of the firste fructes, and Tenth, or in any other Courte, where the kinges reuenues of the Tenth shalbe answerable in soche Summe, or summes of Moneie, as shalbe dewe and growing yerelie to our Souueraine Lorde the King, within their saied Collection, or Office, to saue, and kepe thesaied Archebischoppes, or Bischoppes, and euery of them harmelesse, and without hurte, or damage, against the kinges Maiestie, his Heires, and Successours of, and for all maner of Accoumptes, and Paiementes of Moneie, whiche thei, or any of theim haue, shal, or maie conuenientlie receiue, during the time of their seuerall Collections, and that maie be lawfullie demaunded, or required of thesaied Archebischoppes, or Bischoppes, or any of theim, for, or concerning thesaied Tenthes by Reasone of the Statute of the firste fructes, and Tenth, or els their saied Lettres Patentes, and other Wrytinges to be vtterlie hoide, and of none effecte. And for that the persones Vicars, and Curates, within this Realme, for the most parte bee not hable to paie their Tenthes, befoze that thei shal haue receiued the profeictes of their benefices, whiche yerelie groweth, and renueth to theim at the feast of Easter, whiche feast in many yeares falleth after the first daie of Aprile, whiche saied first daie of Aprile, is now the daie that is stalled, and appointed to thesaied Archebischoppes, and Bischoppes, to make paiement to the kinges Maiestie of thesaied Tenthes: Bee it therefore enacted by auctoritie aforesaid that thesaied Archebischoppes, and Bischoppes, and euery of theim, shal from henceforth make yerelie paiement of thesaied Tenthes, vnto our saied Souueraine Lorde, his Heires, and Successours, in the Court of the firste fructes, and Tenth, or els where it shal please the kinges Maiestie to appointe the paiement of thesame, befoze, or at the last daie of Maie, and not otherwise. And that the certificat of Recusantes made by any of thesaied Archebischoppes, or Bischoppes, or any of theim, befoze, or at thesaied laste daie of Maie yerelie, shalbe as good, and effectuell in the Lawe, to all Ententes, Construciones, and Purposes, as though it hadde been made at the Daies, and times heretofore limited, and appointed by the Statute made in the .xxvi. yere of the Reigne of his most noble father of famousse memorie King Henrie the eighte, for Paiementes of



of tenthes, and first fructes, any lawe, or Statute heretofore had or made to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

And bee it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any promotion Spirituall bee now, or shall chaunce hereafter to be, or remaine in soche sorte void, that no Incumbent is, or canne bee convenientlie provided for thesame: That then thesaid Archebishops, and Bishops, and euery of them shall, and maie certifie perelie before the last daie of Maie thesame vacations speciallie, and according to the trowth of the matter, into thesaid Courte of the firste fructes, and Tenth, or in any other Courte, where the Kinges reuenues of Tenthes shalbe answerable, vpon whiche certificat, thesaid Archebishops, and Bishops, and euery of them shalbe discharged towordes, and against the kinges Maiestie, his Heires, and Successours, in like sorte, as thei now be, vpon their certificat of the Recusantes: And that then, and from thensforth it shalbe lawefull to the kinges Maiestie, his Heires, and Successours to leue, and take al the glebe landes, Tithes, Issues, or profeictes of thesaid benefice, or Spirituall promotione so especiallie certified, as is aforesaid, vntill his grace, his heires, and Successours maie be fullie answered, satisfied, and pated of the whole arrerages of thesaid Tenthes then due to his Maiestie, and thesaid Archebishops, and Bishops, and euery of them, to bee from the time of thesaid especiall certificat, clerelie exonerated, and discharged against the King, his heires, and Successours, of thesame arrerages, any Lawe, or Statute heretofore hadde, or made to the contrarie, in any wise, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al, and euery Graunt, Patent, or writing whatsoeuer, that shall hereafter be made to any persone, or persones, by any Archebishoppe, or Bishoppe, by themselves, or els by any Archebishoppe, or Bishoppe, confirmed by Chaptre Seale, within this Realme of Englande, or elsewhere within the kinges dominions, of the office of Collectourshippe of the Tenthes growing, and arising perelie to be due vnto our said Souueraine lord the king, within the Diocese, and Bishoprike of any soche grauntour, by the reason of the statute of the first fructes, and Tenthes, shall stande, abide, and endure in his, or their force, strength, and effecte no moze, nor longer time, then thesaid grauntour shalbe, and remaine Archebishoppe, or Bishoppe of thesame see and Bishoprike, whereof he was possessed at the time of his said graunte, any confirmation of thesaid graunt, or any custome, vsage Lawe, or Statute at any time heretofore hadde, vled, or made to the contrarie, in any wise, notwithstanding.

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## The. v. Chapitre.

An Acte to auoide the great pzyces  
and excesse of Wines.

Or the auoiding of many incomueniences, moche euil rule, and commune resoꝛte of misruled persones bled, and frequented in many Tauernes of late newlie set vp in very great numbꝛe, in backelanes, coꝛners, and suspicious places within the Citie of London, & in diuerse other townes, & villages within this realme: Be it enacted by thauthozitie of this pꝛesent parliament, that no person or persones whatsoeuer enhabiting within any of the kinges Ma-iesties dominions of Englande, and Wales, shal after the feast of S. Michael tharchaungell next coming, vtter by retaile, by smal measure, that is to saie, by gallone, or any other Measure of greater, or lesse quantitie any Wines, called Gascon, Guion, or Frenche Wines but after the rate of. viii. s. the gallone at the most, by any maner of meanes, colour, engine, or crafte, noꝛ any Rochell Wines at greater pꝛices, or valuation then after the rate of. iiii. s. the gallone at the most, noꝛ any other Wine, or Wines, at greater pꝛice, or valuation, then after the rate of. xii. s. the gallon at the most, vpon peine that euery persone dooing the contrarie, shal foꝛfaicte foꝛ euery soche offence. v. l. of lawfull moneie of Englande.

And be it fether enacted by thauthozitie afoꝛesaid, that it shal not be lawfull to any persone, or persones within any the dominions afoꝛesaid, except he, or thei shal, and maie dispende in landes, tenements, hereditamentes, or other perelie pꝛofites certeine the sūme of. C. Markes of lawfull moneie of Englande, or els be woꝛth of his awne pꝛopꝛe gooddes, and Cattalles, one. M. Markes, or shalbe the sonne of a Duke, Marques, Earle, Vicount, or Baro of this realme to haue, or kepe after thesaid feast of S. Michael tharchaungell, in his house, or custodie, any piece, or vessel of any of thesaid Wines of Gasco, Guion, Frenche, or Rochell Wines, conteining aboue the quantitie of. x. gallons, to the intent to spende, or dꝛinke the same in his, or their house, or houses, by any colour, or meanes, vpon peine to foꝛfaicte foꝛ euery soche offence. x. l. of lawfull moneie of Englande.

And also be it fether enacted by the aucthoꝛitie of this pꝛesente Parliament, that it shal not be lawfull to any persone, or persones within any of thesaid dominions, after thesaid feast of S. Michael to kepe any Tauerne, or to sel, or vtter by retaile, by the Gallone, or lesse, or greater measure in any place, any of thesaid Wine, or Wines within any of thesaid dominions, except it be in cities, townes coꝛporate, boꝛoughes, poꝛte townes, or market townes, or in the townes of



of Grauesende, Sittynghourne, Turfode, and Bagshot, vpon pain  
that euery persone, or persones that shall so offende contrary to the  
fourme of this act, shall lose, and forfeit for euery daie so offendynge  
the summe of .x. l. of Lawfull money of Englande, nor that it shalbe  
lawfull to any persone, or persones after thesaied feast of saint Mi-  
chael, to kepe any Tauerne, or sell, or vtter by retaile, by the gallone,  
or lesse, or greater measure in any Citie, Borough, or toun corporate,  
any maner of wines, but onely suche persone, and persones as shalbe  
therunto nominated, appointed, and assigned by the head Officers,  
and the moste part of the commune Counsaill, Aldermen, Burgeses,  
Jurates, or communalitie for the time beyng of suche Citie, Borough  
or Toun corporate, where suche persone, or persones shall Tauerne,  
sell, or vtter wine by retaile, as is aforesaid: thesaied nominacion, and  
assignement to be made by writynge vnder the commune seale of suche  
Citie, Borough, or Toun corporate, as is aforesaid, and thesaied no-  
minacion, appointment, and assignement shall continue in their force  
or be chaunged at the eleccion, and pleasure of the head Officer, or of  
Officers, and the moste part of the commune counsaill, Aldermen, Bur-  
geses, Jurates, or Communalitie for the time beyng of suche Citie,  
Borough, or Toun Corporate by writynge, and vnder suche Com-  
mune Seale, as is aforesaid, nor that it shalbe Lawfull to any per-  
sone, or persones to kepe any Tauerne, or to sell, or vtter any wine by  
retaile, as is aforesaid, in any Citie, Borough, Port Toun, or Mar-  
ket Toun not corporate, within the realme of Englande, or Wales,  
or in thesaied Tounes of Grauesende, Sittynghourne, or Bagshotte,  
but onely suche persone, or persones as therunto shalbe assigned, no-  
minated, and appointed by all, or the moste parte of the Iustices of  
Peace for the time beyng of suche Shire, or countie where suche Taw-  
ernes, or sellynge of wine by retaile shalbe had, or allowed, as shalbe  
present at the generall Session for the time beyng, to be holden within  
euery of thesaied Shires, or Counties, thesaied assignement, nomina-  
cion, and appointment to be had, and made in full Session by writ-  
tyng vnder the seuerall Seale of euery of thesaied Iustices, and to be  
continued, altered, or chaunged, in like fourme, and by like auctoritie  
as is last aforesaid, vpon pain that euery persone that shall after the-  
saied feast, sell, or retaile any Wine beyng not therunto licenced, and  
auctorised, as is aforesaid, shall forfeit, and lose for euery daie that  
he shall so offende, .v. l. of lawfull money of Englande: Nor that any  
persone, or persones hauing auctoritie by this present acte to nomi-  
nate, assigne, or appoint what persones shall Tauerne, vtter, or sell  
Wine by retaile, as is aforesaid, shall nominate, assigne, or appoint  
by his, or their writynge any mo, or greater numbze of Tauerne, or  
Wine sellers by retaile to sell, or vtter Wine, or kepe, or continue any  
Tauerne



Tauerne at one time, in any one Citie, Bozough, Coune Corpozate, Port Coune, or Market Coune, or in Grauesende, Sittynghourne, or Bagthotte, (all and euery soche Citie and Coune herafter expzessly named onely except) then two Wine Sellers, or Tauernes. And it shall not be Lawfull to any persone, or persones haupng aucthoritie to nominate, assigne, or appoint Tauernes, or Sellers of wine by retaille by this Acte to nominate, assigne, or appoint by writyng any mo, or greater numbze of Tauernes, or Wine Sellers in the citie of London to sell, or vtter Wine by retaille at any time aboue the numbze of .xl. Tauernes, or Wine sellers. And in Porke. viii. in Norwich. iiii. in Westminster. iii. in Bristole. vi. in Lincolne. iii. Kingston vpon Hulle. iiii. in Shrowesburie. iii. in Exeter. iiii. in Salisburie iii. in Glocester. iiii. in Westchester. iiii. in Hereforde Cast. iii. in Worcester. iii. in Southampton. iii. in Cantorburie. iiii. in Ipswich. iii. in Winchester. iii. Oxforde. iii. in Cambridge. iii. in Colchester. iii. in Newcastle vpon Tyne. iiii. Tauernes, or wine Sellers, vpon pain, that euery persone aucthorised by this act to nominate, assigne, or appoint Tauernes, or wine Sellers, to forfait for euery nominacion, assignement, or appointment by him made, contraty to the fourme of this Acte. v. li.

And be it ferther enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that no persone, or persones whatsoeuer, from, and after thesaid feast of Sainct Michael, shall sell, or vtter by retaille any kinde of wine, or wines to be drunke, or spent in his, or their mansion house, or houses, or other place in his, or their tenure, or occupation by any colour, craft, engine, or meane, vpon pain to forfait for euery soche offence. x. li. of lawfull money of Englande, thone halfe of all whiche forfeitures shalbe to the king our Souerein Lorde, and thother halfe to him or them that will sue for thesame by accion of debt, bill, plaint, or informacion in any of the kinges courtes of record, in whiche accion, or sute, no essoine, wager of lawe, or proteccion shalbe allowed.

Provided alwaies that it shalbe Lawfull for all, and euery merchant, and Merchantes aduenturyng for thesame at his, or their awne costes, and charges, to haue, and kepe to spende in his, or their house, or houses soche Wine or Wines, as he shall transport, or cause to be transported into this Realme, or any part therof, not takyng any money, or other recompense for thesame that shalbe so spent in his, or their houses, and that it shalbe Lawfull to euery high Sherief of euery Countie, Maior, Balief, and Sherief of euery Citie, and Coune Corpozate, within this Realme of Englande, and other thesaid Dominions for the time beyng, duryng his, or their Office of charge, and to euery other persone inhabitynge, or dwellyng in any of the kinges Maiesties Fortes, or Townes fortified, and kept for the warrres



warres, during his, or their dwellings in any soche forte, or toun of warre, to haue wine in their houses by the bestell, to spende thesame in his, or their houses without taking any moneie, or other recōpense for thesame so spent in his, or their house, or other place in their tenure or occupation. This acte, or any thing therein contained to the contrarie, in any wise notwithstanding.

And it is ferther enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that the Justices of peace of euery shire, or countie, citie, and toun corporat in their seueral Sessions, and the Stuarde in euery lete, & the Sherief in his tourne, and euery Exchetour shall haue ful power, and aucthozitie by this present acte, to enquire by the othes of .xii. lawfull men of all, and euery offēce, & offences perpetrated, or doen contrarie to the forme of this acte. And that euery inquirie, and presentment taken, and had by the othes of .xii. lawfull men, as is aforesaid, shalbe of soche force, and effecte, as if thesame were taken, or had, before the king in his maties benche. And that euery of the peines, penalties, and forfeitures aforesaid, to be due by force of this acte, for any offence to be committed, or doen by any person, or persons contrarie to the forme of this present acte, as shalbe founde by presentment before thesaid Justices of peace, Exchetour, Sherife, or Stuarde, by verdicte of .xii. men, as is aforesaid, and no bille, plaint, action, or information therof commenced in any of the kinges courtes of recoorde, shalbe diuided equalie in two partes, wherof the one shalbe to the king our Souueraine lord, his heires, and successours. And thother to be to the poore people of the toun, or place, where soche presentment shalbe founde.

Provided alwaies, and be it ferther enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that this acte, or any thing therein contained, shal not extende to charge any persō, or persones with any penaltie, or forfeiture, for, and concerning any offence to be doen contrarie to the tenour of this acte, onles he, or thei so offēding, be sued, endicted, or presented for thesame in one yere next after thesame offence be doen, & committed, as is aforesaid, any thing in this acte contained to the cōtrarie, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaie, that this act, or any thing therein cōtained shal not in any wise be preiudicial, or hurtful to any of the vniuersities of Oxforde, and Cambzige, or to the Chauncellour, or Scholars of thesame or their successours, or any of the to empaire, or take a waie any of the liberties, priuileges, fraunchises, iurisdiccions, powers, or aucthozities to them, or any of the appertaining, or belonging, but that thei, & euey of them, and their successours maie haue, holde, vse, & enioie al their liberties, priuileges, fraunchises iurisdiccions, powers, and aucthozities, in soche large, and ample wise, as though this acte had neuer been made, so alwaies that there be not any more, or greater nūbre of tauernes kept, or maintained within any of thesaid townes of Oxforde, or Cambzige, then maie be lawefullie kepte, and maintained by



the pꝛouision, true meaning, and entente of this statute, any thing in this pꝛouiso mencioned to the cōtrarie notwithstanding.

**¶ The. vi. Chapitre.**

An acte reuiving a statute made in the. xvi. yere of king Edwarde the. iiii. touching the carryng of Golde, and Siluer out of the Realme.



Where in the parliament begonne, & holden at Westminster the. xvi. daie of Januarie, in the. xvi. yere of king Edwarde the. iiii. among other it was ordeined, by thauthozitie of thesame parliamēt that no persone should carrie, or make to be carried out of this realme, or Wales from no part of thesame any maner of moneie of the coigne of this realme, nor moneie of the coigne of other realmes, landes or lordshippes, nor plate, vessel, bulliō, or iewel of golde, garnished, or yngarnished, or of siluer wout the kinges licēce, but soche persons as be dispēsed within the statute made in y. ii. yere of king Hērie the. vi. & other diuerse statutes, made bpō paine of felonie, as in thesaid statute and ordinaūce, moze plainlie doeth appeare, the whiche statute, & ordinaūce was made to endure frō the feast of Easter in the. xvi. yere of thesaid king Edwarde the. iiii. vnto theende of. vii. yeres then next ensuing, whiche statute, & ordinaunce befoze rehearsed by authozitie of parliament holden in the. iiii. yere of the late king of famous memorie king Hērie the. vii. was affirmed, & enacted, to be good, and effectual frō the feast of the purificatiō of our Ladie, in the yere of our lord god m. cccc. lxxxix. & to endure to theende of. xx. yeres the next ensuing, as by thesame statute also moze plainlie appereth: sithen the whiche. xx. yeres so expired, the golde, & siluer of the coigne of this realme, hath, & daie-lie is, and been caried, and conueighed into Flaundres, Fraunce, Rozmandie, Britaine, Irelande, & other parties beyond the sea, as wel by merchaunt straungers, as by Denizens, to the great impourishing of this realme, and greater is like to be, onelesse remedie therfoze speedelie be pꝛouided. Be it therfoze enacted by authozitie of this Parliament, that thesaid statute, & ordinaunce befoze rehearsed made in the said. xvi. yere of king Edwarde the. iiii. and euery article, clause, sentence, or pꝛouisiō therein contained shalbe affirmed, and enacted to be good, and effectuell from the first daie of Maie nexte coming, and to endure to theende of. xx. yeres then next ensuing.

Provided alwaies, that if any of the lordes of the Parliamente, or any of the peres of this realme for the time being, shall fortune to be indicted of any of thoffences limited in thesaid acte made in thesaid. xvi. yere of king Edwarde the. iiii. that then thei, and euery of theim, shall haue his, or their triall by their peres, as hath been vled heretofore, in cases of high treason.

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## The. vii. Chapitre.

An Acte for the Assise of Fuell.



Here thassise, and measure of Talwood, billet, fagot, Coles, and other fuel, appointed, and assised by an Acte of Parlamente made at Westminster, the. xxiij. daie of Januarie, in the. xxxiij. yere of the reigne of our late Souueraine Lorde king Henrie the. viii. is the same assise that was kept in the time of king Edward the. iiii. whiche assise hath not been kept, ne could conueniently be kept these. lx. yeres, nor at these daies can be kept by reason of the great scarcitie of woodes that is happened sence the time of the said king Edward the. iiii. And also by reason of the greatnesse of the said assise, the same fuel, nor coles cannot be carried at these daies without alteration of the cartes, wherein soche fuel & coles are now carried, by reason wherof, & for that that in the said statute, the penaltie whiche is the forfeiture of the said fuel, or coles lacking the said assise contained in the said acte, dependeth vpon the buyer therof, and not vpon the seller, ne maker, marker, or seller of the same. By reason wherof, diuerse cities, & countries are like presently to lacke fuel, & coles, onelesse speedie remedie be shortly had in this behalf. For redress wherof: Be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that no person, or persons shal susteine any losse, peine, or penaltie for buying, or selling of any talwood, billet, or fagot now cut and made, although the same be not of thassise contained in the said acte, any thing contained in the same acte notwithstanding. And that al talwood, billet, fagot, and coles to bee made, and put to sale in the cities of London, or Westminster, or in the Suburbes of the same, after the last daie of Septembre next coming, shal kepe thassises hereafter expressed, that is to wete, that euery sacke of Coles conteine. iiii. Bushels of good, or cleane coles. And that euery talshide conteine in length iiii. fote besides the carfe. And euery talshide named of one, to conteine in greatnesse within a fote of the midst. xvi. inches about. And euery talshide named of. ii. to conteine in greatnesse within a fote of the midst. xxiii. inches about. And euery talshide named of. iii. to conteine in greatnesse within a fote of the midst. xxx. inches about. And euery talshide named of. iiii. to conteine in greatnesse within a fote of the midst. xxxvi. inches about. And euery talshide named of v. to conteine in greatnesse within a fote of the midst. xxxviii. inches about. And euery billet to conteine in length. iiii. fote, &. iiii. inches. And euery billet named a single, to conteine. vii. inches. vi. about. And euery billet named to be a cast, to conteine. x. inches about. And euery billet named of ii. cast, to conteine. xiiii. inches about. And euery fagotbedde to conteine in length iii. fote. And the bonde of euery soche fagot to be of. xxiij. inches about, besides the knotte, whiche assises are litle lesse then the

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assises conteined in thesaied former acte, and also are moche greater then any assise that now is, or of long time hath been comunelie kept

And be it ferther enacted, that it shalbe lawfull fromhensforth, for every owner without daungier of any forsaicture to make billetes of two castes And that al billetes of two castes fromhensforth to be made, and put to sale, shalbe of thassise herin comprised, or moze, and shalbe marked onely within. vi. inchs of the middest therof. And that every billet of one cast frohensforth to be made, and put to sale, shalbe onely marked within. iiii. inches of the ende therof, vpon peine that every maker, and every seller that shall make any soche fuel, or coles and put thesame to sale, to forsaicte for every shide of talwood, billet, fagot, or sacke of coles, fromhensforth put to sale, lacking of thassise aforesaid. iii. s. iiii. d. And that this present statute only, and no other statute of assise of fuell, or coles, shal fromhensforth stande in force, ne take place. And forasmuche as by the gredie appetite, and couetousnesse of diuerse persones, fuel, coles, and wood, runneth many times thzough. iiii. or. v. several handes, or mo, befoze it cometh to the handes of them, that for their necessitie doe burne, or retaile thesame

Be it ferther enacted that from the first daie of Maie next coming no persone, or persones shal buie any soche wood, coles, or fuell, but only soche as will burne, or consume thesame, or soche persones, as shal sell thesame againe by retaile to soche, as shal burne, or consume thesame for thetr owne occupieng, without fraud, or couine, or whar fingers, or bargemen, vpon peine to forsaicte the treble value of all soche wood, coles, and fuel, as shalbe otherwise bought for any lucre or gaine. And that no persone, or persones, shall altre any marke, or assise of any of thesaid fuel marked, or sised accozding to this statute in peine of like forsaicture, as is aforesaid: thone haulf of all whiche forsaicture herin conteined, shalbe to the king our souueraine lord, and thother haulf to him, or them that will sue for the same by action of Debt, bill, plaint, or information, in any of the kinges courtes of Record, wherin no essoine, protection, nor wager of lawe to be allowed or admitted for the defendantes

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, that no persone, or persones, shal yelde, ne forsaicte any penaltie herin cōteined, onles actiō, or sute be cōmenced for thesame, within one whole yere next after thoffence therof committed, or doen. And that if any cutter, or maker, as aforesaid, or other that shal forsaict any sūme herin conteined, shall not be hable to yelde soche forsaicture, or sūme, as is aforesaid, that the soche person therof couicted by witnesses, or otherwise, to be set on the pillorie in the next market toun to the place where he shal so offēde by a Justice of the peace, or any other of the kinges officers, at. xi. of the clocke vpon the market daie, with a billet, or fagot bounden to some parte of his bodie, And so to be discharged of thesaid forsaicture.



Provided also, and bee it enacted, that it shalbe lawful to every persone, and persones, to buye, sell, make, and cut billetes for thone-ly serving of the Toun of Callice, and the Marches of the same, so that thei contene in length. xxi. inch; at the least, as hath been there most accustomed. xl. yeres laste paste, without forfaiture of any penaltie herin conteyned, any thing herin conteyned to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

**The. viii. Chapitre.**

**An Acte for the true fulling, and thicking of Cappes.**



Whereas in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of King Edward the. iiii. great graundfather to the King our Souvereyne lord that now is, it was established, and enacted by thauthoritie of the same parliament, that no maner of persone, or persos, after the feaste of Easter then nexte following, should ful, or thicke, or cause to be fulled, or thicked any bonettes, or cappes, double, or single, in any fulling mille, or by the meane of any fulling mille, upon peine to forfaiture, and lose. xl. s. for every cappe so thicked contrary to the same acte. And also that no person, hatmaker, capper, or other whatsoever he were after the saied feast of Easter should sette, or cause to be sette, any bonettes, or cappes, double, or single, to be fulled, or thicked, to any soche mille, or by the meane of any soche mille, or sette to sale any soche hattes, bonettes, or cappes, double, or single, whiche after the saied feast should be so made, fulled, or thicked, upon peine to forfaiture, and lose the bonettes, and cappes so set, as afoze is saied, to any soche mille, to be fulled, or thicked, or otherwaies put to sale contrary to the said Acte & also to forfaiture, & lose. xl. s. as often as any soche person shal set to fulling, or thicking, or to sale any soche hattes, bonettes, or cappes so thicked, or put to sale contrary to the same acte: thone half of the saied forfaitures, and penalties, and every of theim to the saied late king, and thother halfe to him, or them of the kinges subiectes, whiche shold seaze the same, or sue for the same in any of the kinges courttes of Record by information, or els in any other court by action of debt, by writte at the commune lawe, or by bil, or plaint after the custome of the cite, or toun, where any soche forfaitures shal happē to fal, or be. And the defendaunt, in any soche actiō, not to be admitted to wage his lawe, nor protection, nor essoin for any soche defendaunt shalbe allowed: whiche saied acte was made to endure from the saied feast of Easter, until the ende of. ii. yeres then next following, and no lenger, as by the same acte moze plainlie maie appeare. Whereas sens the time of the expiration of the said good, & laudable statute, certeine

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of the subiectes of this realme, for their singular lucre, & auaile haue caused the most part of bonettes, & cappes made within this realme to be fulled, & thicked in fulling milles: By reason wherof, not only the said cappes, and bonettes so thicked, & fulled in fulling milles, be for the most part broken, & decreiptfullie wrought, for that they cannot in any waies, by any soche meanes of fulling, & thicking in soche milles be well, and truelie wrought, to the greate losse of the kinges most louing subiectes, but also a great numbze of the kinges maiesties most louing subiectes, by whom soche cappes, and bonettes were in time past faithfullie, and truelie made, wrought, fulled, and thicked by mennes strength, that is to saie, with handes, and feete, haue honestly befoze this time gained their liuing, and kepte many apprentices, & seruauntes in woork of that onely occupation, to the great commoditie of this realme, & the subiectes of the same, whiche now be vtterlie decayed. And forasmuche as the said statute is good, and profitable for the comon wealth of this realme, our Souerein lord the king by thassent of the lordes spirituall, and temporall, & the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same hath ordeined, prouided, and enacted, that the said acte made in the said. xxi. yere of the said late king, fro the feast of Pentecost next ensuing, shalbe reuiued, stande, & remain in ful force, strength, & effect in al, & euery clause, sentence, penaltie, & thing conteined in the same, according to the tenour, and effecte of the same acte, this acte to endure for five yeres next folowing the said feast of Pentecost.

## The. ix. Chapitre.

An Acte for the making of White plaine streightes, and pinned white streightes in Denon. and Cornewal.



Here in the parliament bpō prouogatio holden at Westminster, the. xxi. daie of Januarie, in the. v. yere of the reigne of our souerein lord the king that now is, & there continued vnto the. xv. daie of April, in the. vi. yere of the reigne of our said Souerein lord, & then dissolved, one acte, ordinaunce or lawe was then, & there made, touching, & concerning the true making of woullein clothes, by the whiche said acte emonges other braunches, and ordinaunces therein conteined, it was enacted, that from, and after the feast of S. Michael tharchaungell nexte ensuing the making of the said acte, no persone, or persones should put any heire, flockes, or any yarne made of Lambeswoull into any Clothe, Carlie, Frize, or Cottonne so made, and solde, or offered to be solde, bpō peine to forfaitte euery soche cloth, carlie, frize, and cottō, wherin any soche yarne, heire, or flockes shalbe put, or the value of soche cloth, carlie, frize, or cottonne, as by the said statute it doeth, & maie appeare. And where in the countie of Denon & Cornewall



wal in diuerse partes therof, there be made certein kindes of clothes of the nature of Tawestocke Clothes, thone called white plain streightes, & thother called pinned white streightes, whiche sort of cloths be made w<sup>th</sup> the refuse, & course woules, flockes, lābes woull, & heire woules, whiche kinde of clothes called white plain streightes, and pinned white streightes, are transported, & caried into the partes of Britaine beyonde the sea, & there hitted by the merchauntes therof by exchaunge, & bartrie for linen cloth called doulasse, lokerā, & canuase, whiche thesame merchauntes doe afterwardes bring into this realme to serue the king's maiesties subiectes therewith aswel dwelling in thesaid counties of Deuon. & Cornewall, as in diuerse other partes of the realme. And forasmuche as in the foresaid acte there is no remedie prouided for the true making of thesaid clothes, nor any mention made of thesame kindes of clothes in thesaid Acte, & therefore doubted whether thei of thesame counties of Deuon. & Cornewall maie make thesaid kinde of Clothes, or not, without daungier of the foresaid Lawe, for that it is restrained, and prohibited by the said acte, that no persone, or persones should put any heire, flockes, or any yarne made of lambes woull, into any clothe, frize, or cotton so made, and solde, or offred to be solde vpon peine afoze specified. And for that thesaid kinde of clothes called white plaine streightes and pinned white streightes, are made with Cornishe woull, whiche is for the most parte therof al heire woules.

And to thetent that frohenfoorth thesaid clothes called white plaine streightes, and pinned white streightes, maie be trulie made, and to contene a certeinie in length, bzeadth, and weight: Be it therfore enacted by the king our Souueraine lozde, the lozdes spirituall, and tempozall, and the comunz in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctozitie of thesame, that from, and after the first daie of Maie nexte comming euery piece of thesaid Clothes, called white plaine streightes, made after thesaid first daie of Maie, shal contene in length being redie dzedd to put to sale. xii. yardes at the least, and in bzeadth, one yarde at the least, in weight. xi. l. at the least vpon peine of forsaicture of thesame, or the value therof. And that euery piece of thesaid clothe called white pinned streightes, made after thesaid first daie of Maie being readie dzedd to put to sale, shal contene in length. xi. yardes at the least, and in bzeath. iii. quartres of a yarde at the least, and in weight. viii. l. at the least, vpon peine of forsaicture of thesaid clothes, or the true value therof: thone moietie of al whiche forsaictes to be to the King our Souueraine Lozde, and thother moietie to him, or them that will sue for thesame by action of debte, detinue, bille, plaint, or information, in any of the kinges courtes, wherin no essoine, protection, or wager of Lawe shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaint.

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And further be it enacted, by thauthozitie aforesaid, that it shal and maie be lawfull, to and for any persone, or persones whatsover inhabiting, or dwelling within thesaid Countie of Devon, & Cornwal, or either of them, to make the foresaid sortes of clothes with heire, flockes, or yarne made of lãbes woulles, or otherwise without any penaltie, or forfaiture therof, the foresaid acte made in thesaid last parliament, or any other lawe, or statute afoze this parliament had or made to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that thowmer, or owners of al, and every soche cloth, and clothes so wrought, & made shal bring, or cause to be brought thesame cloth, or clothes to the next citie, borough, or toun corporat, where thesame shalbe fulled, dresed and made, there to be measured, weighed, and sealed with a seale of Lead fixed to every of þsaid pieces of cloth: in whiche seale tharmes or name of every soche Citie, borough, or toun corporat shalbe grauen, and that the Mayor of every citie, borough, or toun corporate, where þsame cloth, or clothes shalbe brought, shal appoint & sweare twoo officers for the true weighing, measuring, and sealing therof. And that thesame officers shal haue for their weighing, measuring and sealing of every piece of thesaid clothes one. ob. and no more.

Be it further enacted by authozitie aforesaid, þ every clothier, or clothiers whiche shal put any of the clothes aforesaid to sale, or offre thesame to be solde, before thesame be weighed, measured, & sealed, as is aforesaid, shal forfeite for every soche default, the clothe, or clothes so by him, or the sold, or offered to be solde, thone moitie wherof to be to the king our Souuerain lord, & thother moitie to him, or them that will sue for thesame, by action of debte, detinue, bille, plaint, or enforment in any of the kinges courtes, wherin no essoime protection, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt.

The. x. Chapitre

An Acte for the vniting, and annexing of the toun  
of Gateside to the toun of Newcastle  
vpon Tyne.



Here the quiet ozdre, regiment, and gouernaunce of the Corporation, and bodie politique of the toun of Newcastle vpon Tyne, hath been not a litle disturbed, and hindzed to a moche great, and manifest impouerishment, ruine, and decate of the said corporation: By reasone aswell that in the Toun of Gateside parcelle bothe of the possessions of the Bishoprike of Durham, and also of the liberties, and Countie Palantine of Durham aforesaid, nexte adioigning vnto thesaid Hauen toun of Newcastle on the Southside of thesaid riuer of Tyne, doe enhabite, and been from time to time a great nũ-  
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bze of Carpenters, Colliers, Fishers, Mariners, and other handicraftes menne, whiche by their handiwoorkes gaue, and haue their chiefe, and in maner whole liuing in thesaied towne of Newcastle, where they dailie commit manifolde enormities, and disorders, whiche escape unpunished, to a very euill example in the hindraunce of Justice, by reason that soche offenders by repairing into thesaied towne of Gateside, being without the iurisdiction of thesaied Hauen towne of Newcastle, finde euasions, & meanes to escape the condigne correction, & punishment of their said misbehaviours: As also for that no smal numbze of th inhabitantes of Gateside without any respect to the conseruation of the haue of thesaied port towne of Newcastle being the chief maintenaunce, and vpholde of thesame, dooe cast into thesaied haue rubbish, with all the refuse of their buildinges, besides thother clesing of their houses, and streates, without any correction, or punishment extended vnto the for thesame, by reason that thesaied towne of Gateside is parcell of thesaied Countie Palantine of Durham, and without the liberties of thesaied haue towne, as is aforesaid, without remedie wherof, thesaied haue should perishe, and therby the towne should be in great ieopardie of ruine, and decaye.

And ferthermoze, forasmuche also as a part of the brydge ouer thesaied riuer of Tyne perteyning to thesaied towne of Gateside, is so farre in ruine, and decaye for lacke of reparation, that no Cartes, or carriages maie be suffred to passe ouer thesame: For remedie wherof and sundrie other enormities here not recited: Be it by the kinges Maiestie our Souueraine lord, with thassentes of the lordes spiritual, and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of thesame, ordeined, established, and enacted, that the towne of Gateside aforesaid, & all th inhabitantes of thesame towne that now be, or hereafter shalbe, & a parcel of groude called the salt medowes, ioigning to the towne of Gateside aforesaid, and harde vpon the riuer there, and the whole water, and brydge belonging, or apperteyning to thesame Towne of Gateside, shalbe from henceforth seuered, and diuided from the bishoprike of Durham, and from the liberties, and Countie Palantine of thesame. And from henceforth shalbe vnited, and annexed to thesaied towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, and to be taken, demed, and adiudged to be within the countie, and shire of thesame towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, & be reputed, and taken as part, parcell, and membre of thesame Towne of Newcastle. And th inhabitantes of thesame towne of Gateside shal be vnder the rule, gouernment, and correction of the Maior, and burgeses, as other of th inhabitantes of thesame towne of Newcastle now been, or of right ought to be, to all Ententes, Constructions, and Purposes, and that thesaied Maior of Newcastle, and Burgeses of thesame Towne, and their Successours from henceforth



foorth euer shal haue thesame, & like liberties, fraunchises, priuileges iurisdiccions, punishmentes, obedience, & corrections in thesaid toune of Gateside aforesaid, and the medowe called the salt Medowe, and the waters, and brydge belonging to thesame toune of Gateside, and of the inhabitants, dwellers, and occupiers of thesame, as thesaid now Mayor, and Burgeses hath, or maie lawefullie dooe in al thinges, and to all ententes in thesaid toune of Newcastle.

Provided alwaie, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that this acte, ne any thing therein contened, shal not in any wise extende to take awaie any soche title of commune from the inhabitants of thesaid toune of Gateside, whiche thei haue, or of right ought to haue within the Bishopricke of Durham aforesaid, but that thei, and euerie of theim, their Heires, and Successours maie haue, vse, and occupie thesame, as thei might haue dooen befoze the making of this acte and as if this acte had neuer been had, ne made, any thing contened in this Acte to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that the Mayor, and burgeses of Newcastle, and their Successours for euer, shal haue towarde the reparations of the Southside of the brydge, their sufficient wood for the reparatiō of thesame brydge, and also for the reparations of the houses of Gateside aforesaid to be taken, and had out of the Woodes of the parke of Gateside, in like manner, and fourme as thesaid toune of Gateside, and inhabitants of thesame, hath afoze time had thesame to thesame entent, and to be deliuered vnto theim by thassignement of the Lorde, or owner, or his sufficient deputie, or deputies of thesaid Manour, and parke of Gateside aforesaid for the time being, as often as nede shall require the said brydge to bee repaired by thesaid Mayor, and Burgeses, and their Successours at the Costes, and charges of thesaid Mayor, and Burgeses, and their Successours for euer.

Provided also, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that the Bishop of Durham, & his Successours for euer, for al soche thinges as he, or thei shal buye, bring, or carie into thesaid toune of Newcastle or Gateside, or buye in the, or in any of them for the maintenaunce of their houtholde, or familie, shal go free without payng any tolle, pycage, stallage, wharfage, or other duetie, or custome for thesame, in thesame toune of Newcastle, & Gateside: sauing to al, & euerie persō & persōs, bodie politique, & corporat, their heires, & Successours, & to the heires, & Successours of euerie of the, al soche righte, title, interest, possession, leasses, annuities, rétes seruices, reuerstions, remainders, offices fees, comunes, commodities, profits, entrees, conditions, petitiones lute, or actiō, whiche thei now haue, or hereafter ought to haue, of, in, or to any manours, mesuages, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, liyng, & being within thesaid toune of Gateside, other the the liberties, fraun-



fraunchises, priuileges, iurisdiccions, vniuersities, and annexions, punishments, obediences, corrections, and interestes belonging to the saied Bishoprike of Durham, or of the Countie Palantine aforesaid heretofore claimed, and vsed within the said towne of Gateside, and in the salt medowe, bridge, & waters aforesaid, & the timbrewood from time to time necessarie to be taken, & had in Gateside parke for the reparations aswell of the said bridge, as also of the houses in Gateside aforesaid, in fourme aforesaid rehearsed, whiche saied towne of Gateside the salt medowe, bridge, and waters aforesaid, together with the abouesaid timbre for the reparations of the said bridge, and houses to be taken in Gateside parke aforesaid, are vnited, & annexed to the said towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, as aforesaid mentioned, in soche like manner, and fourme, as thei, or any of the haue had, should, or might haue had, if this acte had neuer been had, ne made. Any thing in this present acte conteined to the contrarie therof, in any wise notwithstanding.

**¶ The. xi. Chapitre**

**¶ An Acte for the continuance of certeine statutes**



Where in the Parliament begonne, & holden at London the thirde daie of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread Soueraine Lord, of most famousse memorie, King Henrie theight, and from thens adiourned to Westminster, and there holden, and continued by diuerse prorogations vnto the dissolution therof, one Acte was made, and established for the restraight of cariage, and conueighing of horses, & mares out of this realme: And also one other Acte was there made, in the said Parliament, for the true making of cables, halsers, & ropes: And also, one other acte was there made, for the true winding of Woolles: And one other Acte was there made to restraign killing of Wainelinges, Bullockes, Stieres, and heifers, being vnder the age of twoo yeres, whiche saied seuerall Actes were then made to endure, and continue vnto the nexte Parliament, as by the same thre seuerall Actes more plainlie appeareth. And where also in the same Parla- mente one other Acte was made, and established for atteintes to be sued for the punishmente of perjurie vpon vntrue veredictes, whiche Actes last befores rehearsed were then made, and ordeined to continue and endure to the laste daie of the nexte Parla mente, as by the same seuerall Actes more plainlie at large is shewed, and maie appeare.

And where also in the Parliament begonne, and holden at Westminster the. viii. daie of June in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne of our sated most dreadde Soueraine Lord, King Henrie the. viii. and there continued, and kept vntill the dissolution therof, it was ordeined, and enacted, that all, and singulare the said actes aboue remembred, and euery of theim, should continue, and endure in their force, and strength and



and also be obserued, and kept vntill the last daie of the next Parliament, as by the same acte emonges other thinges therein conteined, moze plainlie appeareth

And where also in the parliament begone, and holden at Westminster the. xxviii. daie of April, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of our saied most dread Souueraine lord King Henrie the. viii. & there continued vntil the. xlviii. daie of June then next folowing, it was ordeined, and enacted by auctoritie of the same parliament that all, and singular the said seueral actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and al clauses, articles, and prouisions in them, & euery of them conteined should continue, and endure in their force, and strength, and also to be obserued, and kept vntil the last daie of the next parliament, as by the same acte emonges other thinges therein conteined, moze plainlie appeareth

And where also in the Parliament begone at Westminster the. xvi. daie of Januarie, in the. xxxii. yere of the reigne of our said late Souueraine lord, and there continued vntil the first daie of April in the. xxxiii. yere of our said late Souueraine lord, there was one other acte made and established concerning buyng of fishe vpon the Sea, as by the same acte last recited, moze plainlie dooeth appeare.

And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxxv. yere of the reigne of our most dread Souuerain lord King Henrie the. viii. one acte was made for the preservation of Wooddes, to endure for vii. yeres then next folowing, and from thens vnto the end of the next parliament, as by the same acte moze plainlie doeth, and maie appeare.

And where also at the Parliament holden at Westminster in the. xxxvii. yere of the reigne of our said most dread Souueraine lord King Henrie the. eighth, and there continued, and kept vntill the dissolution therof, it was ordeined, and enacted that al, and singular the said Actes aboue mencioned, and euerie of them, except the said acte made for the preservation of wooddes, as is aforesaid, shoulde continue, and endure in their force, and strength, and also to be obserued, and kepte vntil the last daie of the next parliament, as by the same acte emonges other thinges therein conteined, moze plainlie appeareth.

And where also in the Session of a parliament begone, & holden at Westminster the. iiii. daie of Nouembze, in the. iii. yere of the reigne of our souueraine lord the king that now is, one statute made in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of King Henrie the. eighth, touching vnlawful hunting in any parke, forest, or chace.

And where also one other acte was made in the Session of a parliament holden at Westminster in the. xxxii. yere of the reigne of the said late King Henrie the. eighth touching wrogful taking, killing, or sleaing of any Biere within any parke, chace, or ground enclosed, or vled for Biere whiche said seueral actes were by the said acte made in the said. iiii. daie of Nouembze, in the said. iii. yere of our saied Souueraine lord the



the king that now is, reuiued to continue for.iii. yeres next folowynge, after the first daie of Maie then next ensuyng, as by thesame seuerall actes moze plainly dooeth and maie appeare.

And where also at the Session of the Parliament holden at Westminster, the.xiii. daie of Marche, in the thirde yere of the reigne of our moste dread Souerein lord the king that now is, one acte was made for the true copyng of Leather, and at thesame Parliament, one other acte was made, for the true makynge of Malt: And also one other acte was then, and there made, touchynge the true makynge of leather, whiche.iii. seuerall Actes were made to indure to theende of the next Parliament, as by thesame.iii. seuerall actes moze plainly appeareth.

And where also at a Session of a Parliament holden at Westminster the first daie of Februarie, in the.iiii. yere of the reigne of our said Souerein Lord the king that now is, one other acte was made for the punishment of vnlawfull assemblies, and risynge of the Kinges subiectes: and also one other act was there made, concernynge the repeale of a branche of thesaid Acte of Parliament befoze mencioned touchynge, and concernynge the buyng of Tanned Leather: And also one other Acte was then and there made against fond, and phantastical Prophecies. And also one other acte was then and there made, concernynge the buyng of Roather beastes: And also one other Acte was then and there made, touchynge buyng and sellynge of butire, & Cheese, whiche said seuerall actes were then, and there made to indure, and continue vnto theende of the next Parliament, as by thesame seuerall actes moze at large it maie, and dooeth appeare.

And where also at the Session of a Parliament by Prorogacion holden at Westminster, the.xviii. daie of Januarie, in the.v. yere of our said Souerein Lord the king that now is, one Acte was then, and there made touchynge the prouision, and relief of the poore, to indure to theende of the Session of the next Parliament. And where also at the same Session of Parliament last befoze mencioned, one other act was then, and there made, against Regratours, and Forstallers, whiche acte was made to indure to theende of the next Parliament: and forasmuche as all, and singular thesaid seuerall Actes aboue mencioned be good, and beneficiall for the Commune wealth of this Realme: Be it therefore enacted, ordeined, and established by the King our Souerein Lord, with thassent of the lordes Spirituall, and Temporal, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of thesame, that all, and singular thesaid seuerall Actes, and statutes aboue mencioned, or rehearsed, and euery of the, and also the said acte, concernynge the preseruacion, and keepynge of Wooddes, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them, and euery of them contained, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande, and indure in their force, and strength to all intetes, constructions, & purposes, and shalbe obserued



and kept in all thinges, vntill the last date of the next Parliament.

Provided also, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that the attaindour, or conuiccion of any persone, or persones to be had, or made for any thoffences contained in the said Actes made in the .xxxi. and .xxxiij. yerres of our said late Souerein lord king Henrie the .viij. concernyng huntynge, or killyng of Beare, or Conies, or in either of them, shall not extende to cause any persone, or persones to lose, or forfeite any inheritauce, or Dower, nor to make any corruption of bloud: But that after the death of euery soche offendour, and offendours, the heire, and heires, wife, and wiues of them, and euery of the shall, and maie inherite, and haue their Dowers, and be demed, adiudged, and inhabled to haue, and take the same, in soche maner and fourme, as if no soche attaindour, or conuiccion had been had, or made. This Acte, or the said former Actes, or any thing therein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

**The .xiiij. Chapter.**

**An Acte of a Subsidie, and twoo fiftenes, and tenthes, graunted to the kinges maiestie, by the tempozaltie.**



**W**here the kinges highnesse moste faithfull and obedient Subiectes, the Lordes and Communes in this present Parliament assembled, consideryng and certainly perceiuyng by diuerse meanes, the earnest good will and purpose, that our said Souerein Lord hath to preserve, maintein, and continue vs his naturall subiectes, in this moste fortunate peace, wherunto after many stormes, and tempestes of the warres, his Maiestie hath by the goodnesse of God restored vs, dooe also notwithstanding his maiesties greate care, and politike meanes vsed for the recouery therof, easely perceiue how hard it shalbe for his highnesse, to continue and kepe vs therein, durynge the time of this troublesome state of Christendome, beyng, as it were, lamentably cut, and tozned into pieces, and factions of warre, except his highnesse be restored to a fether estate and furniture of treasure, mete for the defence of these his realmes, dominions, and subiectes: and like to other princes haunyng soche large realmes, dominions and people. The lacke and want wherof (as we knowe) shall chiefly redounde to all our losses, and detrimentes, whiche must be defended and preserved, by the puissaunt power and might of our Souerein Lord, and head: and not by the multitude of our priuate richesse, and strengthes at home. So also haue we seen of late yerres plainly before our eyes, and felt in a greate parte of our sorowfull hartes, the very principall, chief, and first causes of this lacke, durynge the time of the wilfull misgouernaunce of this noble Realme, and other the Kinges



ges dominions, by the late Protectour Duke of Somerset (to whom almightie God graunt his mercie) who first of his insatiate ambition contrarie to the aduises of all wise and good counsaillours, haupng gotten into his handes the sole gouernaunce of the moste sacred persone of our Souerain lozde, and consequently the Protectourship of all his highnesse Realmes, and dominions: immediatly to laie a fitte foundation for his unhappie, & unskilfull gouernement, brought the kinges Maiestie (whom he tooke by pzetence to gouerne, beyng lefte by his highnesse father of moste famous memorie in tendre yeres, but yet in peace) sodainly into open hostilitie, and warres against twoo puillaunt realmes at oncs, consideryng neither the habilitie to begin nor meanes to cōtinue them: wherin folowynge alwaies his awne singularitie by stirryng, and encreasynge of newe querelles, and causes of warre, by vnauided inuasions, by desperate enterprises, and voyages, by sumpteouse endlesse vaine fortificacions, bothe in fozein realmes, and in the seas, by bringyng into the realme of costlie, and great numbze of straungers men of warre, & soche other innumerable vaine deuises, he did not onely exhaust, and vtterly waste the kinges maiesties treasure, and reuenues of his Crowne, and of vs his highnesse Subiectes, but also endaungered his Maiesties credite, beyonde the seas, with diuerse straunge Merchantes, by takynge vp, and borrowynge greate summes of monete, growynge from time to time, moze and moze indurably: whiche gate of miserie beyng so wide opened, we all knowe, and the best parte of vs felte, what a heape of calamities fell vpon all the Realme immediatly, yea, and to this daie, what prestes and memorie therof remaineth, not wholy yet filled vp.

First, the kinges maiesties treasure of all sortes wasted, the greate substance of the monetes molted, and altred in base coigne, for the seruyng of the charges of these warres: the lawes, and auncient pollicie of this noble realme dissolued, & vniuncted, and by example hereof, the state of Irelande endaungered with factions, and rebellions, wherein no small summes of treasure were also wasted in armies, and fortificacions, parte wherof remain vnto this present daie of necessitie. In the midst of all these miseries, by suffraunce of the said late Protectour, rose vp a monstreouse, and daungerouse rebellion of the leude numbzes, and baser multitude against their heddes. The withstanding, and happie staigh wherof, although it came throught the mercifulnesse of God, by the labour and fortitude of others, woorthie eternall praise, subduyng the headlesse ragynge people, in sundrie partes of the realme, deliucryng vs the kinges Maiesties naturall subiectes, out of our vnnaturall subieccio, to him that ruled vs with disorde, and finally restoryng the roiall persone of the kinges highnesse to the freedome of his princelie estate, and consequently, to an honourable peace with his enemies: yet could not hether to the great breache



and ruine of the kinges Maiesties estate, touchyng his treasure, be repaired, or reenforced, whiche consequently folowed vpo the first foundations broken, although in other poyntes of the decate (thanked be God) the kinges Maiesties awne merueillouse intelligence, with the industrie of good counsaillours, hath notable supplied, and amended the defaultes. And as these former ettours broughte his Maiestie into vtter wastes of his awne treasure and riches, into the expenses of our Subsidies graunted for thesame warres, though nothing aunswerable to the expenses of thesame, finally, into notable and vnumeasurable charges beyonde the Seas, for prouisions of moneie taken vp in time of warres: So yet to the encrease of this former soare, wee remembre and perceiue also, that there were excedyng greate charges lefte by the late king of famousse memorie, by reason of his warres, to be discharged, aswell beyonde the Seas towardes straungers, as on this side towardes his awne subiectes, whiche of their nature beyonde the Seas did for lacke of paymente growe excessiuelly, besides the late euident greate charge, and losse susteined by the kinges Maiestie, for the onely profite of his publique weale, in the reducyng of part of his coigne, from a notable basenesse, to a fine standard by the whiche his Maiestie lacketh a greate priuate gaine in his mines, beyng now woorth no reuenue at all, but rather chargeable, and the rest of whiche coigne, we trust, he will shortly reduce to like finenesse. All whiche thinges, we his Maiesties moste faietfull, and naturall louyng subiectes weighpyng with our selues, and consideryng diuerse greate weightie matiers here vpon dependyng, for the preseruacion of this aunient noble Imperiall Croune: Albeit wee see manifestly before our eyes, our Souerein Lorde the Kinges Maiestie, disposed of his good nature, rather daely to diminishe the reuenue of his Croune lately augmented by his father, of moste famousse memorie, towardes the vnburthenyng of his greate intollerable weightes, and charges lyng, and growyng in straungers handes beyonde the Seas, then to call vpon vs his naturall Subiectes, and people, like as daelie we heare, and knowe, that all other moste Christian Princes dooe in causes of lesse importaunce, and like his Maiesties noble Progenitours haue alwaies dooen in soche causes heretofore: yet for the preseruacion of our selues, and our posteritie in this peace and wealth, wherunto wee haue by the greate charges of our Souerein Lorde been blessedly brought: For the maintenaunce, and vpholdyng of the Croune, and dignitie Imperiall of this noble realme in honour, and might against all attemptes of forein, and auniente enemies, for the restauracion of this decayed house of the commune wealth, haupyng suffred violacion, and ruine by exile of Iustice, in the former time of the foresaid euill gouernaunce, for the comfortyng and encouragyng of our moste Christian king, in his blessed and famousse



mouse purposes, and procedynges, to the stablishyng bothe of true Christian Religion in this his Churche of Englande, and Irelande, and of a Christian Policie, in the Ciuile state of the same: And finally for some manifest demonstracion of our naturall bounden dueties, and loues towardes our Souerain lord, and supreme head the Kinges moste excellent Maiestie, to be in some part like, and comparable to the good willes of other straunge people, and Subiectes to their headdes, and Kinges: We dooe offte moste humbly with our right good, free, and franke willes, this our simple gift, besechyng his highnesse, to cast the yies of his minde rather vpon our lowely good true hartes, and good willes, then vpon the simplenesse, and basenesse of the gift: Offryng therewithall our naturall dueties, obesaunce, and allegeaunce to the vttermoste of our power in bodies, and substaunce for the maintenaunce of his Maiesties estate, and Roiall Croune, vnder the defence wherof, the saufetie of vs all, and our posteritie consisteth. Wherefore we the said Lordes, and Communes, dooe by our mutuall assentes, and agrementes with one whole voice, and hartie good will, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, geue, and graunt to the Kinges highnesse, towardes his foresaid greate costes, and inestimable charges twoo whole fiftenes, and Tenthes to be had, payed, taken, and leuied of the moueable gooddes, cattalles, and other thinges vsuall to soche fiftenes and Tenthes, to be contributozie, and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Borowghes, Townes, and other places of this his Realme, in maner and fourme afoze time vled. Except the summe of xii. M. li. therof fully to be deducted (that is to saie) vi. M. li. of either of the said whole fiftenes, and Tenthes of the summe that a fiftene and Tente atteineth vnto, in reliefe, coumfort, and discharge of the pooze Townes, Cities, and Borowghes of this his said Realme wasted, desolate, and destroyed, or ouer greatly impouerished, after soche rate, as was, and hath afoze this time be had, and made vnto euery Shire, and to be diuided in soche maner and fourme, as heretofore for one whole fiftene and Tente was had, and diuided, and the said twoo whole fiftenes and Tenthes, the excepcions and deduccions aforesaid therupon had, deducted, and allowed, to be payed in maner and fourme folowynge (that is to saie) the first whole fiftene and Tente (except befoze excepted) to be payed to his highnesse in the receipt of his Exchequier, at, or befoze the xxix. daie of June next comyng, and the second whole fiftene and Tenth (except befoze excepted) to be payed to his highnesse at the receipt of his said Exchequier, at, or befoze the feast of saint Andrez the Apostle, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a. M. v. hundred fiftie and. v.

And be it enacted by th aucthoritie aforesaid, that the Knightes elected, and returned, of, and for the Shires within this Realme for

D. iii.

this

twoo whole fiftenes  
and tenth



this present Parlaunte, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeses of Bo-  
 roughes, and townes where collectours haue been vsed to be named,  
 and appointed for the Colleccion of any fiftene, and tenth before  
 this time graunted, shall name and appointe perely, before the sixth  
 daie of Aprill, in either of thesaied twoo yerres, sufficient, and hable  
 persones for the Colleccion of thesaied fiftene, and tenth, in euery of  
 thesaied Shires, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes: Thesaied perso-  
 nes then haupng Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, in his, or  
 their awne right of the perely value of ten poundes, or in gooddes one  
 hundred markes at the least. And also soche persone, or persones so by  
 them to be named, and appointed for the Colleccion of thesaied fif-  
 tene and tenth, shalbe by them seuerally appointed, and allotted in-  
 to Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes and Townes.  
 And thesaied persones so named, and appointed for the collecci-  
 on of thesame fiftene, and tenth, shalbe charged, and chargeable vpo  
 his, or their accompte, or accoumpes in the Exchequer, to be made,  
 with all suche summe, or summes of money, as the Hundredes, Ra-  
 pes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and townes, where he, or thei  
 shall so happen to be appointed, amounte vnto, & of no moze summe  
 or summes. And vpon the paiement of soche summes of money, as he  
 or thei shalbe charged with, shalbe discharged, and haue his *Quietus est*,  
 the non accomptyng, or non paiement of any othe his felowes, or the  
 insufficiencie of them, or any of them, notwithstanding. And thesaied  
 Knightes, Citizens, and Burgeses for the Shires, Cities, and Bo-  
 roughes, whetunto thei be elected, named, and returned, shall accor-  
 dyng to the tenoure of this Acte, certifie euery yere, durynge thesaied  
 twoo yerres, before the king in his Chaucerie, perely, within one mo-  
 neth next after soche their nominacion, election, and appointment of  
 thesaied Collectours, the names, and surnames of euery of thesaied  
 Collectours for thesaied fiftene, and tenth together with the place  
 allotted to their colleccion, and charge, durynge either of thesaied twoo  
 yerres, before the sixth daie of Maie in euery of thesame twoo yerres:  
 And if defaulte of any soche certifying be had, or made in fourme, as  
 is abouesaid, then the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande for the time  
 beyng, shall immediatly after, name, and appointe Collectours for  
 the Colleccion of thesame twoo fiftenes, and tenthes, in maner and  
 fourme, as thesaied Knightes of the Shire, Citizens of Cities, and  
 Burgeses of Boroughes should haue dooen, and as afore time haue  
 been vsed: The whiche saied Collectours, and euery of theim, shall  
 haue like allowaunce vpon their accoumpes for their fees, wages,  
 and rewardes for the Colleccion of thesaied fiftenes, and tenthes, in  
 as large maner, and fourme, as any Collectour, or Collectours of fif-  
 tene, and tenth haue had at any season in time past: And that the ba-  
 tones of the kinges Exchequer for the time beyng, shall, and make,  
 from

1439 of May



from time to time, awarde soche processes for the spedie paiement thereof, against the Collectour, and Collectours of the same, as by their discretions shalbe thought conuenient.

Provided alwaie, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the said lord Chauncellour, knightes of the Shire, Citizens, and Burgeses, hauing auctoritie by this acte, to name and nominate the said Collectours, of, and for the said two whole fiftenes and tenthes, and of euery of them, shall vpon their nomination, and eleccion had, and made, take by auctoritie of this present Parliamt sufficient Recognisaunces, or by Obligation of euery persone so by them to be named, to be bounde to the King in the double summe of the summe of their colleccion, and to be endozed vpon soche condiction, that if the said Collectour, or Collectours dooe truely content and paie to the vse of the king, in his receipt of his Exchequier, before the said seuerall daies of paiement of the said fiftenes, and tenthes, so moche of the summe of money allotted, and appointed to his colleccion, as he the same collectour hath collected, and gathered, and dooe likewise before the said seuerall daies of paiement content, and paie to the Kinges vse at the same receipte, the residue of his Colleccion and charge, within one Moneth, next after soche time as he shall haue gathered and collected the same residue: that then the said recognisaunce, or Obligation to be void: Or els to stande in his full strength, and vertue. Whiche Recognisaunces, or Obligation so taken, the said knightes of the Shires, Citizens, and Burgeses, and euery of them, takyng any soche Recognisaunce, or Obligation, shall certifie, and deliuer to the lord Treasourer, and barones of the same Exchequier perely, duryng the said two yerres, before the said seuerall daies of paiement before limited, and appointed, vpon pain of forfaiture of tenne poundes to the king, for euery Recognisaunce, or Obligation so to be taken and not certified.

And that euery soche Collectour vpon request to him made, shall make and knowelege the same Recognisaunce, or Obligation accordingly vpon like pain and forfaiture of tenne poundes to the king for his refusall therof. And that the Treasourer, or Barones of the Exchequier vpon the paiement of the same colleccion, or at the said date shall cancell, and deliuer the said Recognisaunce, or Obligation to the said Collectour, or Collectours, without any fee, or rewarde to be paid to any persone for the same.

And we the said Lordes Spirituall and Tempozall, and Communes of this present Parliamente assembled, right well perceyving the said two whole fiftenes, and tenthes now graunted to his highnesse, as is aforesaid, to extende to a small summe of money, and nothing sufficient to accomplishe the charges of the kinges moste Princelie affaires for the defence of vs the kinges moste louyng sub-



tectes: We thesaid Lordes and Communes, for the considerations  
 aforesaid, moſte entirely with good harte and minde, dooe geue and  
 graunt to the Kinges highnelle, towardeſ his ſoꛛesaid greate coſtes  
 and ineſtimable charges one entire Subſidie, to cōtinue by the ſpace  
 of twoo yeres, to be rated, taxed, leuied, and paied of euery perſone  
 Spirituall, and Tempozall of what eſtate, oꛛ degꛛee he, oꛛ thei be,  
 (accoꛛdyng to the tenour of this Acte) in maner and fourme ſollow-  
 yng (that is to ſaie) yerely, dur yng theſame twoo yeres, aſwell of eue-  
 ry perſone boꛛne within this Realme of Englande, Wales, oꛛ other  
 the Kinges Dominions: As of all, and euery Fraternitie, Gilde,  
 Coꛛpozacion, Miſterie, Brothethod, and Communaltie Coꛛpozated  
 oꛛ not Coꛛpozated within Englande, Wales, oꛛ other the Kinges  
 Dominions, beyng woꛛth. v. poundes, and vnder. x. poundes for eue-  
 ry pounde, aſwell in Coigne, and the value of euery pounde, that e-  
 uery ſoche perſone, Fraternitie, Gilde, Coꛛpozacion, Miſterie, Bro-  
 thethod, and Communaltie Coꛛpozate, oꛛ not Coꛛpozate, hath of hiſ,  
 oꛛ theiꛛ awne, oꛛ any other, to hiſ, oꛛ theiꛛ uſe: as alſo Plate, Stocke  
 of Marchaundies, all maner of Coꛛnes, and Blades, Houſholde  
 Stuffe, and of al other gooddes inoueable, aſwell within this realme  
 as without, and of all ſoche ſummes of money, as to hiſ, and theiꛛ,  
 is, oꛛ ſhalbe ow yng, wherof he, oꛛ theiꛛ truſt in hiſ, oꛛ theiꛛ conſciēces  
 ſutely to be paied. (Except, & out of the pꛛemiſſes deducted ſoche ſum-  
 mes of money, as he, oꛛ theiꛛ owe, and in hiſ, oꛛ theiꛛ conſcience truely  
 intendeth to paie: and except alſo the appatell of ſoche perſones, theiꛛ  
 wiues, and children belong yng to theiꛛ awne bodieſ (ſa yng Jewe-  
 les, Golde, Siluer, Stone, and Perle,) viii. d. of, and for euery poſſid,  
 yerely dur yng theſaid twoo yeres. And alſo of euery perſone, boꛛne  
 vnder the Kinges obeſaunce, and all, and euery Coꛛpozacion, Fra-  
 ternitie, Gilde, Miſterie, Brothethod, and Communaltie Coꛛpo-  
 rate, oꛛ not Coꛛpozate, beyng woꛛth. x. poundes in Gooddes, as is  
 afoꛛe ſpecified, and vnder the value of twentie poundes, ſhall paie  
 yerely dur yng theſaid twoo yeres, for euery pounde twelue pence of  
 the pounde. And likewiſe euery perſone boꛛne vnder the Kinges obeſ-  
 aunce, and euery Coꛛpozacion, Fraternitie, Gilde, Miſterie, Bro-  
 thethode, and Communaltie, Coꛛpozate, oꛛ noꛛ Coꛛpozate beyng  
 woꛛth in Gooddes, as is aboueſaid. xx. poundes, and ſo vꛛwardeſ  
 in Gooddes, as is befoꛛeſaid, ſhall paie yerely, dur yng theſaid twoo  
 yeres, ſixtene pence, of, and for euery pounde. And alſo of euery Alien  
 and Straungier boꛛne out of the Kinges obeſaunce, aſwell Denizen  
 as other inhabityng within this Realme, for euery pounde, that  
 he, oꛛ theiꛛ haue in Coigne, and the value of euery pounde, in Plate,  
 Coꛛne, Grain, Marchaundie, Houſholde Stuffe, oꛛ other Gooddes  
 Jewelles, Chattelles Moueable, oꛛ vnmoueable, as is afoꛛeſaid, aſ-  
 well within this Realme, as without, and of all ſummes of money to  
 hiſ,

in hys ſuſſyſt



him, or them owyng, wherof he, or thei trust in his, or thei conscience, or consciences to be paid (excepte, and of the same premisses deducted euery soche summe, or summes of moneie, whiche he, or thei dooe owe, and in his, or thei conscience, or consciences entende truely to paye) of, and for euery pounce to fīue pounce, eight pence yerely of euery pounce in either of thesaied twoo yerres. And likewise, of, and for fīue pounce, and for euery pounce, from fīue poundes to tenne poundes, yerely of euery pounce, duryng thesaied twoo yerres, twelue pence. And of, and for tenne poundes to twentie poundes, yerely of euery pounce, duryng thesaied twoo yerres, eightene pence: And of, and for twentie poundes in gooddes, as is before rehearsed, and so bpwardes, of euery pounce, yerely duryng thesaied twoo yerres, twoo shillynge. And also that euery alien and straunger bozne out of the kinges dominions, beyng Denizen, or not Denizen, not beyng contributorye to any of the rates aforesaid, shall paye yerely, duryng thesaied twoo yerres, for euery polle fower pence, and the Maister, or he, or she, with whom the same alien is, or shalbee abidyng at the time of the yerely taxacion therof, to bee charged with the same, for lacke of payement therof.

And bee it ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery persone bozne vnder the kinges obeisaunce, and euery Corporacion, Fraternitie, Guilde, Mysterie, Brotherhede, and Communaltie corporate, or not corporate, yerely, duryng thesaied twoo yerres, shall paye for euery pounce, that euery the same persone, and euery corporacion, Fraternitie, Guilde, Mysterie, Brotherhed, and communaltie corporate, or not corporate, or any other to his, or thei vse, hath in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of life, terme of yerres by execucion, wardshippe or by Copie of Courterolle, of, and in any Honours, Castelles, Mannours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, hereditamentes, annuities fees, corrodies, or other yerely profites, of the yerely value of twentie shillynge, aswell within auncient demeane, and other places priuileged, as elswhere, and so bpwarde, twoo shillynge, of, and for euery pounce, duryng either of thesaied twoo yerres. And euery alien bozne out of the kinges obeisaunce, in soche case, to paye yerely, duryng thesaied twoo yerres, thzee shillynge, of euery pounce. And that al summes presented, and chargeable by this Acte, either for gooddes, and debtes, or for landes, and tenementes, and the other premisses, as is in this acte contained, and beyng no ful pounce, shalbe yerely, duryng thesaied twoo yerres, rated, sette, and taxed after the rate, and porcion therof, accor dyng to the true meanyng of this Acte: landes, and tenementes chargeable to the Disme of the Clergie, and yerely wages due to seruauntes for their yerely seruice, other then the kinges Seruauntes takyng yerely wages of fīue poundes, or aboue, onely excepted and forpysed. And that all plate, coigne, Jewelles, gooddes,



Des, debtes, and cattalles personalles, beyng in the rule and custodie  
 of any persone, or persones, to the vse of any corporacion, fraternitie,  
 guilde, misterie, brotherhede, or any comunaltie, beyng corporate, or  
 not corporate, be, and shalbe rated, set, and charged, by reason of this  
 Acte, as the value certified by the presenters of that certificat to bee  
 sworne, of euery poude in gooddes, and debtes, as is abouesaid: And  
 of euery pounce in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, cottodges, or  
 other perelie profits, as is abouesaid: and the summes that are be-  
 fore rehearsed, set, and taxed, to be leuied, and taken of them that shall  
 haue soche gooddes in custodie, or otherwise charged for landes, as  
 is before rehearsed: and thesame persone, or persones, and bodie cor-  
 porate, by thauthozitie of this acte, shalbe discharged against him, or  
 them, that shall, or ought to haue thesame at the time of the payment,  
 or deliuerie therof, or at his otherwise departure from the custodie, or  
 possession of thesame. Except, and alwaies forepysed from the charge,  
 and assessement of this Subsidie, all gooddes, cattalles, iewelles, and  
 ornaments of churches, and Chapelles, whiche haue been ordeined,  
 and vled in Churches, or Chapelles, for the honour and seruice of al-  
 mightie God. And thesaid Subsidie shalbe by thauthozitie aboue-  
 said, taxed, assessed, and rated accorpyng to this acte, in euery Shire,  
 Ridyng, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, citie, borough, toun, and euery  
 other place within this realme of Englande, and Wales, and other  
 the kinges dominions, before the last daie of October perelie, durpyng  
 thesame twoo yerres: And the particular summes of euery Shire, Ri-  
 dyng, borough, toun, and other places aforesaid, with the particu-  
 lar names of soche, as are chargeable of, and to thesaid Subsidie, to  
 bee taxed, and sette by Commissioners to thesame limited, or twoo of  
 them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours: And in the  
 same fourme shalbee certified perelie, durpyng thesaid twoo yerres, in  
 the kinges Exchequer, before the .xxviii. daie of Nouembze, with the  
 names of the high Collectours of thesame: And thesaid summes, in  
 maner and fourme aforesaid, taxed, shalbe perelie paid into the kin-  
 ges receipte of his Exchequer aforesaid, to the vse of our said So-  
 uerein Lorde, in euery of thesaid twoo yerres, before the .xiii. daie of  
 Febzuarie, durpyng thesaid twoo yerres, and the summes abouesaid  
 of, and for thesaid Subsidie, shalbe taxed, sette, asked, and deman-  
 ded, taken, gathered, leuied, and paid vnto the vse of our said So-  
 uerein Lorde, his heires, and successours, in fourme aboue said, as  
 well within the liberties, fraunchises, sanctuaries, auncient demeane,  
 and other whatsoeuer place exempte, or not exempte, as without. Ex-  
 cepte soche Shires, places, and persones, as shalbe forepysed, in, and  
 by this presente acte, any graunte, charter, prescripcion, vse, or libertie  
 by reason of any Lettres Patentes, or other Priuilege, prescripcion,  
 allowaunce of thesame, or whatsoeuer other matier of discharge heres-  
 tofore



tofoze to the contrarie made, graunted, vled, oꝛ obtained, notwithstanding.

And it is ferther enacted by thaucthoritie of this pꝛesent parliamēt. that euery soche persone, as well soche as be boꝛne vnder the kinges oꝛ beisaunce: as euery other persone straunger boꝛne, denizen, oꝛ not denizen, enhabit yng within this Realme, oꝛ within Wales, oꝛ other the kinges Dominions, whiche at the time of thesaied assessyng oꝛ taxaciō yerely to be had, oꝛ made, shalbe out of this realme, and out of Wales and haue gooddes, oꝛ cattalles, landes, oꝛ tenementes, fees, oꝛ annuities, oꝛ other pꝛofites within this Realme, oꝛ in Wales, shalbe charged, and chargeable foꝛ thesame, by the certificate of th inhabitantes of the parties, where soche gooddes, cattalles, landes, tenementes, oꝛ other the pꝛemises then shalbee, oꝛ in soche other place where soche persone, oꝛ his factour, deputie, oꝛ attourney shal haue his moſte resort vnto, within this Realme, oꝛ in Wales, in like maner, as if thesame persone were, oꝛ had been at the time of thesame assessyng within this Realme. And that euery persone abidyng, oꝛ dwellyng within this realme, oꝛ without this realme, shalbe charged, oꝛ chargeable to thesame Subsidie graūted by this acte, accoꝛdyng and after the rate of soche yerely substaunce, oꝛ value of landes, and tenementes, gooddes, cattalles, and other the pꝛemises, as euery persone so to be charged, shalbe sette at, in the time of thesaied assessyng, oꝛ taxacion vpon him to be made, and in none other wise.

And ferthermoze bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that foꝛ the assessyng, and oꝛdyng of thesaied Subsidie to bee duely had, the Loꝛde Chauncellour of Englande, the Loꝛde Treasorer of Englande, the Loꝛde Pꝛesidente of the kinges moſte honourable counsaill, and the loꝛde Priuie Seale foꝛ the time beyng, oꝛ twoo of theim at the least, wherof the loꝛde Chauncellour of Englande foꝛ the time beyng, to bee one of theim, shal, and maie name, and appointe, of, and foꝛ euery Shire, and Ridyng, and other places, as well within this Realme, as in Wales, and other the kinges Dominions, and also of, and foꝛ euery citie, and toun beyng a Countie in it self, and of, and foꝛ the Isle of Wight, soche certain numbꝛe of persones of euery of thesame Shires, Ridynges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, cities, townes, and Isle of Wight, and euery other place, and other the inhabitantes of thesame, to bee Commissioners within thesame, wherof thei bee inhabitantes. And also of, and foꝛ the honourable householdes of the king our souerein Loꝛde, the Ladie Marie, and the Ladie Elizabethes graces the kinges Maiesties sisters, and the Ladie Anne of Cleues, in what Shires, oꝛ other places thesaied householdes shal happen then to bee: And the loꝛde Chauncellour, and other with him befoꝛe named in like maner maie name, and appointe of euery other soche boꝛough, and toun corporate, as well in Englande, as



as in Wales, and other the Kinges Dominions, as thei shall thinke requisite, sixe, fiue, fower, thzee, or twoo of the head officers, and other sad, and honest inhabitauntes of euery of thesaid Citie, Borowghes, and Tounes Corporate, accorpyng to the numbze, and multitude of people beyng in thesame. The whiche persones, if any soche be therunto named of thesaid inhabitauntes of thesaid Borowghes, and Tounes Corporate, not beyng Counties in themselues, shalbe ioyned and putte in, as Commissioners, with the persones named for sothe Shires, and Ridpynges, as thesaid Borowghes, and Tounes corporate, not beyng Counties in theselues be set, and haue their beyng, whiche persones so named, for, and of thesaid Borowghes, and Tounes corporate, not beyng Counties, by reason of their dwellyng in thesame, shall not take vpon them, ne none of them, to put any part of their commission in execucion for the pzemisses, out of thesaid Borowgh, or Toun corporate, wherein thei beyng so named onely for the same, be dwellyng. And also not to execute thesaid commission, within the borowgh, or toun corporate, whete thei be so dwellyng, at soche daies, and times, as thesaid other commissioners for thesame Shire, and Ridpyng, shall therunto limite, and appoint within thesame Borowgh, or Toun corporate, not beyng Countie corporate, wherof thei so be, and not out of soche Borowgh, or Toun: and in that maner to be aidpyng and assistyng, with thesaid other commissioners, in, and for the good executyng of theeffect of thesaid commission, vpon pain of euery of thesaid Commissioners so named, for euery soche Citie, Borowgh, and toun corporate, not beyng a Countie, to make soche fine, as thesaid other commissioners in the commission, of, and for thesaid Shire, or Ridpyng so named, or. iiii. of theim at the least, shall by their discrecions set, and certifie into the Kinges Exchequer, there to be leuiued to thuse of our Souerein lord the King, in like maner, as soche or like summes had been set, and rated vpon euery soche persone, for thesaid Subsidie. The whiche commissioners so named, of, and for the said Citie, Borowghes, and Tounes not beyng Counties, and onely put in thesaid Commission, by reason of their dwellyng in thesame, shal not haue any part of the porcion of the fees, and rewardes for the Commissioners, and their Clerkes, in this Acte afterward specified: and the lord Chauncellour of England, or keper of the Kinges great Seale, for the time beyng, shall make, and directe out of the Courte of Chauncerie, vnder the Kinges greates Seale, seuerall Commissions (that is to saie) to euery Shire, Ridpyng, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Toun, Borowgh, Isle, and Housholde vnto soche persone and persones, as by his discrecion, and other with him afoze named, and appointed, in like maner and fourme, as is afoze rehearsed, shalbe thought sufficient for the lessyng, and leuiyng of thesaid Subsidie, in al Shires and places, accorpyng to the true meanyng of this Acte:



Acte: whiche Commission shalbe directed, and deliuered to thesaied Commissioners, or to one of them befoze the first daie of Septembze, yerelie, during thesaied twoo yeres. And to euery of thesaied commissioners tenne Cedulaes conteyning in them the tenour of this acte, shalbe affiled, by the whiche commission the Commissioners in euery suche commission named accordyng to this Acte, and as many of them, as shalbe appoynted by thesame commission, shall haue full power, and aucthoritie to putte the effecte of thesame Commission in execution.

And that by aucthoritie of this Acte after suche Commission to them directed, yerelie during thesaied twoo yeres, thei maie by their assentes, and agrementes, seuer them selues for the execution of their commission in hundzedes, lathes, wardes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, parishes, and other places within the limites of their saied commission, in suche fourme, as to them shall seeme expedient to be ordred, and betwene them to be communed, and agreed accordyng to the tenour, and effecte of the commission to them therein directed, vpon whiche seuerance, euery persone of this present Parliament, that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned in the Hundzed wherin he dwelleth.

Provided alwaies that no persone be, or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to, and for the execution of this present Acte, but onely in the Shire where he dwelleth, and inhabiteth: and that any persone being assigned to the contrarie therof, in any wise, shall not be compelled to put in execution the effecte of this acte, or any parte therof.

And it is also enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners, and euery of them, whiche shalbe named, limited, and appoynted accordyng to this Acte, to be Commissioners in euery suche Shire, Riding, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and thesaied householdes, or any other place, and none other, shal truelie, effectualle, and diligetlie for their parte, execute the effecte of this presente Acte, accordyng to the tenour therof in euery behalfe, and none otherwise by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thing to bee attempted, and dooen by them, or any of them to the contrarie hereof. And thesaied commissioners, and as many of them, as shalbe appoynted by thesaied commission, and none other, for the execution of thesaied commission, and acte, shall yerelie, during thesaied twoo yeres, befoze the. xiii. daie of Septembze by vertue of the commissions deliuered vnto them, in fourme abouesaied, directe their seuerall, or iointe precepte vnto eight, seuen, sixe, fiue, fower, or three, or mo, as for the numbze of thynhabitauntes shalbe requisite, of the moste substantiaul, discrete, and honest persones inhabitauntes to be

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named by thesaied commissioners, or by as many of the as shalbe appointed by thesaied commission, of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, rapes, wapentakes, wardes, Parishes, Tounes, and other places, as well within liberties, fraunchesies, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaries, as without, within the limites of the Shires, Ridinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Tounes, Boroughes, or Isle aforesaid, and other places within the limites of their commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailifes, and other like officers, or ministers of euery of thesaied Hundredes, Tounes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, parishes, and other places beforesaid, as to thesaied Commissioners, and euery numbze of the vnto thzee of them by their discrecion in diuision, shal seme expediēt, as by the maner, and vse of that parties shalbe requisite, streightlie by thesame precepte charging, and commaunding thesame inhabitants, Constables, and other officers aforesaid, to whom suche precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in their propre persones befoze thesaied Commissioners, or suche numbze of them, as thei shall diuide themselues, according to the tenour of thesaied Commission, at certaine daies, and places by thesaied commissioners, or any numbze of them, as is abouesaid, within Cities, Boroughes, or tounes corporate, or without in any other place, as is aforesaid, by their discrecions shalbe limited therunto to dooe, and accomplishe all that to the on the partie of our Souueraine lord the king shalbe enioigned touching this acte: commaunding ferther by thesame precept, that he, to whose handes suche precept shal come, shal shewe, or deliver thesame to the other inhabitants, or officers named in thesame precepte. And that none of them faile to accomplishe thesame, vpon peine of .xl. s. to be forfaited to the king.

And it is ferther ordeined by the auctoritie of this Parliament, that thesaied daie, and place prefixed and limited in thesaied preceptes, euery of the Commissioners then being in the Shire, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence, shall at thesaied daie and place prefixed for that parte, wherunto he was limited, appeare in his propre persone. And there thesame Commissioners being present, or as many as shalbe appointed by the kinges Commission, shall call, or cause to bee called befoze them thesaied inhabitants, and officers, to whom thei haue directed their saied preceptes, and whiche had in commaundement there to appeare by thesaied precept of thesaied Commissioners: and if any persone so warned make default, onlesse he then be letted by sicknesse, or laweful excuse, and that lette then to be witnessed by the othes of twoo credible persones, or if any appearing refuse to be swozne, in fourme folowing, to forfait to the king .xl. s. And so at euery time, during thesaied twoo yeres, prefixed for thesame cause, vnto suche time the numbze of euery suche persones



persones haue appeared, and certified, in fourme vnderwriten: And euery of them so making defaulte, or refusing to be swozne, to forsake to the king. xl. s. and vpon thesame apparaunce had, one of the moste substaunciall inhabitauntes, or officer so being warned, and appearing befoze thesaied Commissioners shalbe swozne perelie, during thesaied twoo yeres, vpon a booke openlie befoze the Commissioners, in fourme folowing.

**I** shal truelie enquire with my fellowes that shalbe charged with me, of the Hundrede, Wapentake, Warde, Toun, or other place of the best, and moste value of the substaunce of euery persone dwelling, and abiding within the limites of the places, that I and my fellowes shalbe charged with, and of other whiche shall haue his, or their moste resozte vnto any of thesaied places, and chargeable with any summe of moneie, by this Acte of this saied Subsidie, and of all other Articles that I shalbe charged with, touching thesaied acte, and according to the entent of thesame: And therupon, as nere as it maie, or shall come to my knowelege, truelie to presente, and certifie befoze you, the names, Surnames, and the best and vttermoste substaunce, and values of euery of them, as well of Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, Possessions, and profite, as of Gooddes, Cattalles, debtes, and other thinges chargeable by thesaied Acte, without any concelement, fauoure, loue, affection, dreade, feare, or malice, so helpe me God, and the holie contentes of this Booke.

And euery other persone that shall appeare there perelie by thesaied preceptes, shall make like othe: and vpon the othe so take, as is aforesaied, by the inhabitauntes, and Officers of euery Hundrede, Warde, Wapentake, Toun, or other place, thesaied Commissioners shall perelie, openlie there reade, or cause to be reade vnto them thesaied rates, and openlie declare the effecte of their charge vnto them in what maner and fourme, thei ought, and shoulde make their certificates, according to the rates, and summes therof abouesaied, and of all maner of persones, as well of aliens and straungers, Denizens, or not Denizens inhabited within this Realme, as of suche persones as bee bozne within the Kinges obeisaunce chargeable to this Acte, and of the possessions, gooddes, and Cattalles of Fraternities, Guildes, Corporations, Brotherhoddes, misteries, and communalities, and other, as is abouesaied, and of persones being in the parties of beyonde the Seas, hauing gooddes or cattalles, landes, or Tenementes within this Realme, as is beforesaied: And of all gooddes being in the custodie to the vse of any other, as is abouesaied, by the whiche informatiō, and shewing, thesaied persones shall haue suche plaine knowelege of the true entent of this present Acte, and of the maner of their certificat, that thesame persones shoulde

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haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after  
suche othes, and the Statute of thesaied Subsidie, and the maner  
of thesaied certificat to be made in wryting conteining the names,  
and Surnames of euery persone, and whether he be bozne without  
the Kinges obeisaunce, or within, and the best value of euery per-  
sone in euery degree, as wel of yerelie value of landes, and tenemen-  
tes, and of suche like possessiōs, and p̄fectes, as the value of good-  
des, and Cattalles, debtes, and euery thing to thei saied certificat  
requisite and necessarie to them declared, thesaied cōmissioners there  
being, shall by their discrecions appoincte, and limite vnto thesaied  
persones another daie, and place to appeare afoze thesaied commis-  
sioners. And charging thesaied persones, that thei in the meane time  
shall make diligent inquirie, by al waies and meanes, of the p̄mis-  
ses. And then and there euery of them, vpon peine of forsaicture of  
xl. s. to the King, to appeare at thesaied newe p̄fixed daie, and place  
there to certifie vnto thesaied Commissioners in wryting, accordyng  
to their saied charge, and accordyng to the true intente of thesaied  
graunt of Subsidie, and as to them, in maner afozesaied, hath been  
declared and shewed by the Commissioners: At whiche daie, and  
place so to them p̄fixed, if any of thesaied persones make default,  
or appeare and refuse to make thesaied certificat: that then euery of  
them so offending, to forsaicte to the King. xl. s. except onely a reaso-  
nable excuse for his default by reason of sicknesse, or otherwise, by  
the othes of twoo credible persones there witnessed, be hadde. And  
of suche as appeare readie to make certificat, as is afozesaied, the-  
saied Commissioners there being shall take, and receiue thesame cer-  
tificat, and euery parte therof: And the names, values, and sub-  
staunce of euery persone so certified. And if thesame Commissioners  
see cause reasonable, thei shall examine thesaied P̄senters therof  
and therupon thesaied Commissioners, at thesaied daies and place,  
by their agremente among them selues, shall yerelie during thesaied  
twoo yeres, openlie there p̄fixe a daie at a certaine place, or pla-  
ces within the limites of their Commission, by their discrecion, for  
their ferther p̄ceding to thesaied Assessing of thesame Subsidie.  
And therupon, at thesaied daie of thesaied Certificat, as is befoze-  
saied taken, thesame Commissioners shall make their p̄cepte, or  
p̄ceptes to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailifes, or other  
Officers of suche Hundredes, Wapentakes, Tounes, or other  
places afozesaied, as thesame Commissioners shall bee of, compri-  
sing and conteining in thesame P̄cepte the names, and Surna-  
mes of all persones presented befoze them in thesaied certificat, of  
whom, if thesaied Commissioners, or as many of them, as shall be  
thereunto appoincted by the Kinges Commission, shall then haue  
vehemente suspecte to bee of moze greater value, or Substaunce  
in landes



in landes, gooddes, Cattalles, or summes of moneie owing to them  
 or other substaunce beforesaid, then vpon suche persone, or perso-  
 nes shalbe certified: Thesame Commissioners shal make their pre-  
 cepte or preceptes directed to the Constable, Bailifes, or other offi-  
 cers, commaunding thesame Constables, Bailifes, or other officers,  
 to whom suche precepte shalbe directed, to warne suche persones,  
 whose names shalbe comprised in thesaid precepte, at their mansi-  
 ons, or to their persones, that thesame persones named in suche pre-  
 ceptes, and euery of them, shall personallie appeare befoze thesaid  
 Commissioners at thesame newe prefixed daie, and place, there to be  
 swozne, and examined by all waies and meanes by thesaid Com-  
 missioners, of their greatest substaunce and best value, and of al and  
 euery summes of moneie owing to them, and other whatsoeuer ma-  
 tier concerning the premisses, or any of them, according to this acte.  
 At whiche daie and place so prefixed, thesaid Commissioners then  
 there being, or as many of them, as shalbe therunto appointed by  
 the Kinges Commission, shall cause to be called thesaid persones,  
 whose names shalbe comprised in thesaid precepte, as is beforesaid,  
 for their examinatio. And if any of those persones whiche shoulde  
 be warned, as is beforesaid, to be examined, whiche at any time  
 after the warning, and befoze the prefixed daie, shalbe within suche  
 place, where he maie haue knowelege of his said apparaunce to be  
 made, make defaulte, and appeare not, onelesse a reasonable cause,  
 or els a reasonable excuse, by the othes of twoo credible persones,  
 befoze thesaid Commissioners be truelie alleged for his discharger:  
 That then euery of them, so making defaulte, to be taxed and char-  
 ged to the King, with and at the double summes of the rate, that he  
 shoulde, or ought to haue been sette at, for, and after the best value  
 of his Landes, or substaunce vpon him certified, if he hadde appea-  
 red, by the discrecion of the Commissioners there being. And in like  
 maner, if any of them suspected, as is beforesaid, appeare, and re-  
 fuse to bee swozne, in fourme folowing: Then euery suche offen-  
 dour to bee taxed and charged to the King, with, and at the dou-  
 ble summe of the rate, that he shoulde, or ought to haue been sette  
 at, for, and after the best value of his substaunce vpon him certified  
 by thesaid persones that made the certificat, as is beforesaid, by  
 the discrecions of thesaid Commissioners there then being. And e-  
 uery of the persones so then and there appearing, whose names shal  
 be expessed in thesaid precepte, or preceptes, and in whom any ve-  
 hement suspecte was, or shalbe hadde, in fourme abouesaid, shall  
 trauaile with thesame persone so suspecte, by all suche waies and  
 meanes thei can. And ferther thesaid Commissioners, or as many  
 of them, as shalbe hereunto appointed by thesaid commission, by  
 their discrecions, shal openlie sweare thesame persone in this maner

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and fourme folowing.

**I** shall faithfullie, truelie, and plainelie, according to my knowe-  
lege, shewe vnto you the Kinges Commissioners, and to other by  
you assigned, the best and greatest value, or aboue, of al mine yerelie  
profeictes in landes, tenementes, rentes, or suche other like possessi-  
ons, yerelie profite, and fee, and the best and greatest value of all my  
gooddes, and cattalles, and summes of moneie to me owing, accor-  
ding to the graunt of this acte and Subsidie, and truelie aunswere  
to that I shalbe examined of, touching the premisles, without couine  
or deceipt: so helpe me God, and the holie contentes of this Booke.

And if any persone that shoulde appeare, be excused, in fourme  
aforesaied, by witnesse of credible persones, thesame persones shal-  
be examined by their othes, of his, or their greatest and best value  
and substaunce so lacking, and excused, and by the best of their cer-  
tificat, or knowelege, or of thother firste certificat vpon him, or  
them made, thesame persone so lacking and excused of his appa-  
raunce, to bee sette and rated by thesaied Commissioners, or other-  
wise to be sette and rated in this case, as shall seme best by the dis-  
crecions of thesaied Commissioners. And if it happen to bee pro-  
ued by witnesse, his owne confession, or other lawefull waies, or  
meanes, within one yere after any suche othe made, that thesame  
persone so taxed, and swozne, was of any greater, or better value in  
landes, gooddes, or other thinges aboue specified, at the time of his  
saied othe, the thesame persone so swozne did declare vpon his othe.  
That then suche persone so offending, shall loose and forsaicte to  
the King, fowze times so muche in lawefull moneie of Englande,  
as thesame persone so swozne, was sette, and taxed at to paie for  
thesaied Subsidie.

And that euery Spirituall persone, during thesaied twoo yeres,  
shalbe rated and sette, according to the rate abouesaied, of, and for  
euery pounce, that thesame Spirituall persone, or any other to his  
ble hath by discent, Bargaine, or Purchase in fee simple, fee taile,  
terme of life, terme of yeres, by execution, by warde, or by Copie of  
courte rolle in any Manours, landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Ser-  
uices, Offices, Fees, Corrodies, Annuities, or Hereditamentes, af-  
ter the true, iust, and yerelie value therof, after and according as o-  
ther the kinges subiectes bozne within this Realme, be charged, in  
fourme aboue remembred: So that it extende to the yerelie value,  
of. xx. s. or aboue.

And if any persone certified, or rated, by vertue of this acte, be he  
Commissioner or other, to any maner of value, dooeth finde him  
selve greued with thesame presentment, selling, or taxing, and ther-  
vpon complaine to the commissioners, before whom he shalbe rated,  
sessed, or taxed, or before twoo of them: That then thesaied commis-  
sioners



tioners, shall by al waies and meanes examine particularlie and distinctlie, the persone so complainant, and other his neighbours, by their discrecion, of euery his landes, and Tenementes aboue specified, and of euery his gooddes, cattalles, and debtes aboue mentioned, and after due examinacion, and perfeicte knowelege therof had, and perceiued by thesaied Commissioners whiche shall haue power by aucthoritie aforesaid, thesaied Commissioners or twoo of them to whom any suche complainte shall be made, by their discrecions, vpon the othe of thesaied persone so complaining maie abate, defalke, encrease, or enlarge thesame assesment, according as it shall appeare to them iust vpon thesame examinacion: and thesame summe so abated, defalked, encreased, or enlarged to be streated in fourme as hereafter ensueth, so that he cometh befoze the estreates of thesame assessing be deliuered by thesaied Commissioners into the kinges Eschequier. And if it be proued by witnesse, his owne confession, or other laweful waies or meanes, within a yere after any suche othe made, that thesame persone so taxed and swozne, was any better or greater value in landes, gooddes, or other thinges aboue specified, at the time of his saied othe, then thesame persone so swozne did declare vpon his saied othe: that then euery suche persone so offending, shall loose and forsaicte to the king foure times so muche in laweful moneie of Englande, as thesame persone so swozne was set at, or taxed to paie. And al persones set, rated, and taxed, as is aforesaid, shall be bounde and charged by thesame, and the summe or summes vpon him sette, to be due towarde the paiement of thesaied Subsidie, and to be leuiued as hereafter shall be specified.

And it is also enacted by thesaied aucthoritie, that euery persone perelie during thesaied twoo yeres (as is aforesaid) shall be rated, taxed, and set, and the summe on him set, to be leuiued at suche place where he, and his familie, at the time of thesame presentement to be made, shall kepe his house, or dwelling, or where he then shall be moste conuersant, abiding, or resiant: or shall haue his moste resort, and shall be best knownen at the time of thesaied certificat to be made and no where els. And that no commissioner for this Subsidie, shall be rated or taxed, for his gooddes or landes, but in the Shire or other place where he shall be Commissioner. And that if any persone chargeable to this Acte, the time of thesaied assessing, happen to be out of this realme, and out of Wales, or ferre fro the place where he shall be knownen, then he to be set where he was last abiding in this realme, or within Wales, and best knownen, and after the substaunce, value and other profite of euery persone knowe by the examinacion, certificat, and other maner of wise, as is aforesaid. Thesaied Commissioners, or as many of them, as shall be appointed by the Kinges Commission, shall after the rate aforesaid sette, and take



euery persone according to the rate of the substaunce and value of his landes, gooddes, and other pofeictes, wherby the greatest and moſte beſt ſumme according to his moſte ſubſtaunce by reaſon of this acte might, or maie be ſette, or taxed.

Provided alwaies, that euery ſuche persone whiche ſhalbe ſette or taxed for paiement of, and to this Subſidie, for, and after the yerelie value of his landes, tenementes, or other reall poſſeſſions, or pofeictes in any of theſaied twoo yeres, ſhal not be ſette, and taxed for his gooddes, and cattalles, or other moueable ſubſtaunce in theſame yere. And he that ſhalbe charged, or taxed for theſame Subſidie, for his gooddes, cattalles and other moueables in any of theſaied twoo yeres, ſhall not be charged, taxed, or chargeable for his landes, or other real poſſeſſions, and pofeictes aboueſaied in theſame yere: nor that any persone be double charged for theſaied Subſidie, neither ſette, or taxed at ſeuerall places by reaſon of this acte, any thing contained in this preſent acte notwithstanding.

And that it bee ordeined by theſaied aucthoritie of this preſent Parlaunte, that no persone hauing twoo manſions, or twoo places to reſorte vnto, or calling himſelfe houſholde ſeruaunt, or waiting ſeruaunt to the kinges highneſſe, or other Lord, or Ladie, maiſter or Maſtreſſe bee excuſed vpon his ſaiyng from the taxe of theſaied Subſidie in neither of the places where he maie be ſette, onleſſe he bring a certificat in wryting from the Commiſſioners, where that he is ſo ſette in deede at one place. And if any other then Commiſſioner happen to bee ſette in twoo places, vpon certificat therof made, the beſt, and moſte ſumme vpon him ſo taxed, to be taken and abide, and thother to be diſcharged: ſo that theſame certificat of his aſſeſſinges, and paiement to be made therof in wryting vnder the ſeales of the Commiſſioners, or of as many of them, as ſhalbe appointed by the kinges Commiſſion: whiche certificat ſo made, ſhalbe at al times a ſufficient diſcharge for him and the collectour of theſame, as well againſt any Collectour that ſhall demaunde theſame vpon him rated or taxed, as againſt the king and all other perſones.

And if any persone that ought to bee ſette, by reaſon of his removing or reſorting to twoo places, or by reaſon of his ſaiyng, that he elſwhere was taxed, or by reaſon of any priuilege, by his dwelling or abiding in any place, not being forpriſed in this Acte, or any otherwiſe by his couine, or crafte, happen to eſcape from the yerelie aſſeſſing, and be not ſette, and that proued by preſentment, examination, or information befoze theſaied Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhalbe by theſame Commiſſion appointed, or by the Barones of the kinges Eſchequier, or twoo Juſtices of the Peace of the Countie where ſuche persone dwelleth: then euery ſuche persone that by ſuche meanes, or otherwiſe willinglie by couine, ſhall hap-  
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pen to escape from the assessing of thesaied Subsidie, or of any of them, and not be Rated, Taxed, and Sette, shalbe charged vpon the knowelege and proufe therof, with, and at the double value that he shoulde, or ought to haue been Sette at afoze, according to his behauour: The same double value to be leuied, gathered, and paid of his gooddes, and Cattalles, Landes, and Tenementes, towards thesaied Subsidie: And ferther to be punished, according to the discrecions of the Barones, Justices, or Commissioners, before whom he shalbe conuicted for his offence and deceipte in that behalfe.

And ferther be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that thesaied commissioners of euery commission, shal according to their diuisions, and after thei be diuided, haue full power and aucthoritie by this acte, to set, take, and selle euery other Commissioner ioigned with them, in euery suche commission, and diuision, and shal also assess euery assessor within their diuision, for his, and their gooddes, landes, and other premisses, as is abouesaied: by the whiche saied commission, thesaied commissioners shal indifferentlie, set, take, and selle the selves, and thesaied assessours. And that as well the summes vpon euery of thesaied commissioners, and assessours so selled, rated, and taxed, as the summes made, and presented by the Presentours sworn, as is abouesaied, shalbe writen, certified, set, & estreated, and the estreates therof to be made with other the inhabitauntes of that parties within the limites of thesame commission, and diuision, and so to be gathered, and leuied in like maner, as it ought, or shoulde haue been, if thesaied Commissioner had not been in thesaied commission. And that al persones of thestate of a Baron, or baronesse, and euery estate aboue, shalbe charged with their free holde, and values, as is aforesaied, before the Chauncellour, Treasourer of Englande, lord President of the Kinges priue counsaill, and lord priue Seale for the time being, or other persones by the kinges aucthoritie to be limited, and thei to be charged yerelie, during thesaied twoo yeres, after the fourme of thesaied graunt, according to the taracion aforesaied, and the summes vpon the set, with the names of the collectours appointed for the gathering, and payng of thesame, to be extreated deliuered, and certified, at daies & places aboue specified, by the lord Chauncellour, Treasourer, lord President of the counsaill, and lord priue Seale, for the time being, or suche other persones, as shalbe limited by the kinges highnesse, and after the taxes, and assesses of the saied summes, vpon, and by thesaied assessing, and certificat, as is aforesaied, made, thesaied commissioners, or as many of them, as shalbe therunto appointed by the kinges commission, before the first date of Decembze, during thesaied .ii. yeres, by the writting extreated of the saied take therof vnder the seale, & signes manuel of thesaied commissioners



tioners, or of as many of them, as shalbe appointed, at the least, to be made, shalbe deliuered vnto sufficient and substaunciall inhabitants, Constables, Subconstables, Bailifes, and other Officers iointlie of Hundzedes, Townes, Parishes, and other places aforesaid within their limites, or to other sufficient persones inhabitauntes of thesame, onely by the discrecion of thesame Commissioners, and as the place and parties shall require, as well the particular names and Surnames, as the remembraunce of all summes of monie taxed and sette, of, and vpon euery persone, as well man as woman, chargeable to this acte, householder, and all other inhabitauntes, and dwellers within thesaid parishes, Townes, and places, contributozie to this Acte of Subsidie, by auctoritie of whiche writing, or estreate so deliuered, thesaid Officers, or other persones so named and deputed severallie, shal haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this acte immediatlie after the deliuerie of thesaid writing, or estreate, to demaunde, leuie, and gather of euery persone therein specified, the summe, or summes in thesame writing, or estreate comprised: and for none paiement therof, to distreigne thesame persone, or persones so being behinde, by their gooddes, and Cattalles, and the distresses so taken, to kepe by the space of .viii. daies, at the costes and charges of the owner therof: and if thesaid owner dooe not paie suche summe of monie, as shalbe taxed by this acte, within thesame .viii. daies, then thesaid distresse to be appraised by .iiii. iii. or .ii. of the inhabitauntes, where suche distresse is taken, and also to be solde by thesaid Constable, and other Collectour for the paiement of thesaid monie, and the ouerplus coming of the sale and keeping therof, if any be, to be immediatlie restored to the owner of thesame distresse: whiche said officers, and other persones so deputed to aske, take, gather, and leuie thesaid summes, shall answer and be charged for their portion onely to them assigned, or limited to be gathered, leuied, and comprised in thesaid writing, or estreate to them, as is beforesaid, deliuered vnto the vse of our Souueraine Lorde the King, his heires, and successours, and thesaid summe in that writing, or estreate comprised to paie vnto the high Collectour or Collectours of that place for the collection of thesame, in maner and forme vnderwritten, therunto to be named and deputed: And thesame inhabitauntes, and officers so gathering thesame particular summes, for their collection therof shall reteine for euery .xx. s. so by them receiued, and paid, twoo pence, and that to be allowed at the paiement of their collection by them to be made to the highe Collectour, or Collectours.

And ferther be it enacted, by thesaid auctoritie of this present Parliament, that thesaid Commissioners, or the more parte of the same, as shal take vpon them the execution, and businesse of thesaid commission



mission, shall yerelie, during thesaied twoo yeres, name suche sufficient, and hable persones, whiche then shall haue, and possede lande, and other hereditamentes in their owne right, of the yerelie value, of .x. l. or gooddes to the value of one. C. markes at the least. And the same persones seuerallie, by the discrecions of thesame Commissioners, in Shires, Ridinges, Lathes, Wapentake, Rapes, Cities, Tounes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, as well within places Priuiledged, as without, not being forprised within this acte, to be highe Collectours, and haue the collection and receipte of thesaied summes sette, and leuiable within the pzeincte, limites, and boundes, where thei shall be so limited to gather, and receiue: To euery of the whiche collectours so seuerallie named, thesaied commissioners, or twoo of them at the least, yerelie during thesaied twoo yeres befoze the .xii. daie of Decembze, or within one Moneth next after thesaied whole summe of thesaied Subsidie be sette, by all the limites of thesame their commission, or in suche limites, as the highe Collectours shall be so seuerallie assigned, shall vnder their seales, and signes Manuel, deliuer one estreate indented in parchemēt, to euery of thesame high Collectours, comprising in it the names of al suche persones, as were assigned to leuie thesaied particular summes, and the summes of euery hundzed, Wapentake, Toun, or other place afozesaied, with the names and surnames of the persones so chargeable, accozding to the estreate so first therof made, as is afozesaied, and deliuered: and the Collectour so to be assigned, shall be charged to aunswere the whole summe comprised in thesaied estreate limited to his collection, as is afozesaied.

Prouiided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie afozesaied, that thesaied commissioners, hauing aucthoritie by this acte, to name and nominate thesaied highe Collectours of thesaied Subsidie, yerelie, during thesaied .ii. yeres, shall immediatlie vpon their nomination, and election, take by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient recognisaunces, or obligacions without any fee, or rewarde to be paid therfore, of euery persone so by them to be named to be high Collectour, to be bounden to the King, in double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be endozsed and made vpon suche condition, that if thesaied Collectour, his heires, or executours dooe truelie content, & paie to the vse of the King, his heires, or executours in his receipte of his Eschequier, befoze thesaied .xiii. daie of Februarie then next ensuing, somuche of thesaied summe of moneie allotted, and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect & gather: and contēt, and paie the residue of his collection, & charge, within one moneth next after suche time, as he hath gathered, & collected thesame residue: that the thesaied recognisaunce, or obligation to be boide, or elles to stande in his ful strength, and vertue: whiche recognisaunce,  
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or obligation so taken, thesaied commissioners shall certifie, and deliuer into the Kinges Eschequier, with the certificat of thesaied taxation, and rate of thesaied Subsidie, at, and by the time to them prescribed, and appointed by this acte, vpon peine of forfaiture of .x. l. to the King, for euery recognisaunce, or obligation not certified: and that euery suche Collectour so elected, named, and chosen vpon request to him made, shall knowelege, and make thesaied recognisaunce, or obligation, vpon like peine, and forfaiture of .x. l. to the King, for the refusal therof, and euery suche Collectour so yerelie deputed, hauing thesaied estreate in parchment, as is aforesaid, shall haue authoritie by this acte, yerelie during thesaied .ii. yeres., to appointe daies, and places, within the circuite of his collection, for the paiement of thesaied Subsidie to him to bee made, and therof to geue warning by Proclamation, or otherwise, to al thesaied Constables and other persones, or inhabitauntes hauing the charge of the particular Collection within the Hundredes, parishes, townes, or other places by him, or them limited, to make paiement for their saied particular collection of euery summe, as to them shall apperteine: And if at thesaied daie, and place so limited, and prefixed by thesaied Collectour, thesaied Constables, Officers, or other persones, or inhabitauntes, as is beforesaid, for thesaied particular collectiō appointed, and assigned within suche hundred, Citie, Towne, or other place, dooe not paie vnto thesaied Collectour the summe within their seuerall hundredes, Townes, parishes, and other places due, and comprised in thesaied estreats therof, to the deliuered by thesaied commissioners, or some of them, as is beforesaid, or so muche therof, as thei haue by any meane receiued .ii. d. of euery pounce for thesaied particular collection, as is beforesaid, alwaies to bee therof allowed, excepted, and abated: that then it shall be lawefull to thesaied highe Collectours, and euery of them, and to their assignes, to distreigne euery of thesaied Constables, officers, and other inhabitauntes, for their saied seuerall, and particular collection of thesaied summes comprised in thesaied estreate, and writing therof, to them, and euery of them, as is befoze expressed, deliuered, or for as muche of the same summe, as so then shall happen to be gathered, and leuied, and behinde and vnpaid, by the gooddes and cattalles of euery of them so being behinde: and the distresse so taken to be kept, appraised, and solde, as is aforesaid, and therof to take, and leuie the summes so then being behinde, and vnpaid, and the ouerplus coming of the sale of thesaied distresse, if any be, to be restozed and deliuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboue remembred.

Provided alwaies, that no persone inhabited in any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shall be compelled to be an Assessor, or Collectour, of, or for any parte of thesaied Subsidie, in any place, or places



places out of thesaied Citie, Bozough, or Toune Corporate where he dwelleth.

And it is also by thesaied aucthoritie enacted, that if any inhabitante, or Officer, or whatsoeuer persone, or persones charged to, and for the collection, or receipte of any parte, or porcion of thesaied Subsidie, in any of thesaied twoo yeres, by any maner of meanes, according to this Acte, or any persone, or persones for themselves, or as keper, Gardian, Deputie, Factour, or attourneie of, and for any other persone, or persones, of any gooddes, and Cattalles of the owner therof, at the time of thesaied assessing to be made, being out of this Realme, or in any other parties not knowe, or of, and for the gooddes, and cattalles of any other persone, or persones of any corporation, fraternitie, misterie, or other whatsoeuer communalitie being incorporate, or not incorporate, and all persones hauing in their rule, gouernance, and custodie any gooddes, or cattalles at the time of thesaied assessing, or any of them to be made, or whiche for any cause, for, and by collection, or for himself, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernance, or custodie of any gooddes, or cattalles of any other persone, or persones, corporation, communalities, fraternitie, guildes, or misterie, or any suche other like, or as Factour, Deputie, or attourneie of, or for any persone, shalbe taxed, rated, valued, and sette to any summe, or summes, by reason of this Acte, and after the taxacion, or assessing, vpon any suche persone, or persones, as shalbe charged with the receipt of thesame, happen to die, and departe from the place where he was so taxed, and sette, or his gooddes, and cattalles be so elained, or in suche priuie, and couert maner kept, as thesaied persone, or persones charged with thesame, by extreates, or other writing from thesaied Commissioners, or as many of the as shalbe therunto appoincted by thesaied commission, as is aforesaid, can, ne maie leuie thesame summe, or summes comprised within their saied extreates by distresse within the limites of their collection, as is befoze said, or cannot sell suche distresse, or distresses as be taken for any of thesaied yerlie paiementes, befoze the time limited to the high Collectour, for his paiement to be made in the Kinges receipte: then vpon relacion therof made, with due examination by the othe, or examinacion of suche persone, or persones, as shalbe charged with, and for the receipte and collectiō of thesame befoze thesaied Commissioners, or as many of them, as by thesaied commission shalbe therunto appoincted, where suche persone, or persones, or other, as is aforesaid, their gooddes, & cattalles were set, and taxed, & vpo plain certificat therof made into the kinges Exchequer by thesame Commissioners, aswell of the dwelling place, names, and summes of thesaied persones, of whom thesaied summes can not be leuied, and had, as is befozesaid: then aswel the Constables,



bles, and other inhabitautes appointed for thesaied particular collection against the high Collectours, as the high Collectour vpon his accoumpte, & othe in thesaied Eschequier to be discharged thereof, and processe to be made for the King out of thesaied Eschequier, by the discrecions of the Barones of thesaied Eschequier, against suche persone, his heires, or executours so being behinde with his paiement: and ouer that, thesame Commissioners to whom any suche declaration of the premises shalbe made, in fourme aforesaied, from time to time, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, during thesaied twoo yerres, to directe their precepte, or preceptes vnto thesaied persone, or persones charged with any summe of, for, or vpon any suche persone, or persones, or other, as is abouesaied, or to any Sheriefe, Stewarde, Bailiefe, or other whatsoeuer Officer, Minister, persone, or persones of suche place, or places where any suche persone, or persones so owing suche summe, or summes, shal haue landes, and Tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or real possessions, gooddes, and Cattalles, whereby any suche persone, or persones so indebted, his heires, executours, or assignes, or other hauing the custodie, gouernance, or disposition of any gooddes, cattalles, Landes, Tenementes, or other hereditamentes, whiche ought, or maie by this Acte lawefullie be distreigned, or taken for thesame, hath, and shall haue gooddes, cattalles, landes, tenementes, and other possessions, wherof suche summe, or summes whiche by any suche persone, or persones maie, or ought to be leuied, be it within the limites of suche commission, where suche persone, or persones was, and were taxed, or without in any place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the kinges Dominions, Marches, or territories, by whiche precepte as well suche persone, or persones, as shalbe charged to leuie suche moneie, as the Officers of the place, or places, where suche distresse maie be taken, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to distreigne euery suche persone indebted, charged, or chargeable by this Acte, or his executours, or administratours of his gooddes, & cattalles, his Gardianes, factours, deputies, lessees, fermours, and assignes, and al other persones by whose handes, or out of whose lades any suche persone shoulde haue Rente, Fee, Annuitie, or any other profeicte, or whiche at the time of thesaied assessinges shall haue gooddes, or cattalles, or any other thing moueable, of any suche persone, or persones being indebted, or owing suche summe: And the distresses so taken cause to be kepte, appraised, and solde, in like maner and fourme, as is aforesaied, for the distresse to be taken vpon persones to be taxed to thesaied Subsidie, and being sufficient to distreigne, within the limites of the Collectours, inhabitautes, or other officers, charged with, or for thesame summes so vpon them to be taxed. And if any suche distresse for none paiemente happen to be taken out of the limite



mite of thesaied persones charged, & assigned to leuie thesame, the persones so charged for the leuie of euerie soche summe by distresse, shall perceiue, and take of thesame distresse, for the labour of euery persone going for the execution thereof, for euery mile that any soche persone so labourerth for thesame, twoo pence. And euery fermour, Tenaunte, Gardian, Factour, or other whatsoeuer persone being distreigned, or otherwise charged, for paiement of any soche summe, or summes, or any other Summe by reason of this Acte, shalbe of soche Summe, or Summes, of him, or them so leuied, and taken, discharged, and acquitted at his nexte daie of paiement of thesame, or at the deliuerie of soche gooddes, and cattalles, as he that is so distreigned had in his custodie, and gouernaunce, against him, or them, that shalbe so taxed, and sette, any graunte, or writing obligatorie, or other whatsoeuer matier to the contrarie made heretofore, notwithstanding.

And if any soche persone, that should be so distreigned, haue no landes, or tenementes sufficient, whereby he, or his tenauntes, and fermours maie be distreigned, or hath eloined, aliened, or hidde his gooddes, and cattalles whereby he should, or might be distreigned, in soche maner that soche gooddes, and cattalles shal not be knowe, or founde, so that the Summe of, or by him to be paid in thesaied fourme, shal, ne can be conuenientlie leuied, then vpon relacion thereof vnto the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by thesaied commission shalbe therunto appointed, where soche persone, or persones was taxed, and sette by the othes of him, or them that shalbe charged with the leuie, and paiement of that summe, or summes, thesame Commissioners shal make a precepte in soche maner, as is aforesaid, for to attache, take, and arreste the bodie of soche persone, or persones that ought to paie thesaied Summes, and by this Acte shalbe charged with, and for thesame summe, or summes, and them so taken safelie to kepe in prisone within the Shire, or other place, where any soche persone, or persones shalbe taken, & attached, there to remaine without baile, or mainprise, vntil he haue paid thesame summe, or summes, that soche persones for himself, or for any other by this Acte shalbe chargeable, or ought to be charged withall, and also for the fees of euery soche arreste to him, or them that shall execute soche precepte. xx. d. And that euery Officer, vnto whom soche precepte shalbe directed, dooe his true diligence, and execute thesame vpon euery persone so being indebted, vpon peine to forfait to our saied Souueraine Lord the King, for euery defaulte in that behalfe xx. shillinges. And that no keeper of any Gaole, from his Gaole suffer any soche persone to goe at large, by letting to baile, or other wise to departe out of his prisone, befoze he haue paid his saied debte, and thesaied. xx. d. for thesaied arreste, vpon peine to forfait to our



Souueraine Lorde. xl. shillings, and thesame Gaoler to paie vnto our saied Souueraine Lorde the double value, aswell of the rate whiche thesaied persone so imprisoned was taxed at, as of thesaied xx. s. for the fees: and like processe, and remedie, in like fourme, shall be graunted by thesaied Commissioners, or as many of them, as by thesaied commissione shalbe therunto appointed, at like information of euery persone, or persones being charged with any summe of moneie for any other persone, or persones, by reason of thesaied Subsidie euery of thesaied twoo yerres, & not therof paid, but wilfullie withdrawn, ne thesame leuiable within the limites where soche persone was therunto taxed. And if the summe, or summes being behinde vnpaid by any persone, or persones, as is aforesaid, be leuied, and gathered by force of thesaied processe to be made by thesaied Commissioners, or if in defaulte, or for lacke of paiemente thereof, the persone, or persones so owing thesaied summe, or summes of moneie, by processe of thesame Commissioners to be made, as is aforesaid, be committed to prison, in fourme abouesaid: That then the same Commissioners whiche shal awarde soche processe, shall make certificat therof in thesaied Exchequier of that shalbe dooen in the premises, in the terme nexte folowing after soche summe, or summes of moneie so being behinde shalbe leuied, and gathered, or soche persone, or persones, for none paiemente of thesame, committed to prison. And if it happen any of thesaied Collectours to be assigned, or any Maiour, Sheriefe, Stuarde, Costables, the head boroughes, housholder, Bailiefe, or any other officer, or minister, or other whatsoever persone, or persones to disobey thesaied Commissioners, or any of them, in the reasonable requeste to them made by thesaied Commissioners, for perelie execution of thesaied commission, during thesaied ii. yerres: or if any of thofficers, or other persones doe refuse that to them shal apperteyne, or belong to dooe, by reason of any precepte to him, or them to be directed, or any reasonable commaundement, instance, or requeste, touching the premises, or other defaulte, in any apparaunce, or collectiō to make: or if any persone being suspecte, or not to be indifferentlie taxed, as is aforesaid, doe refuse to be examined, according to the tenour of this Acte, befoze thesaied Commissioners, or as many of them, as shalbe therunto assigned, as is aforesaid, or wil not appeare befoze thesame commissioners vpo warning to him made, or els make resistance, or rescous, vpo any distresse vpo him to be taken for any parcel of thesaied subsidie, or comit any misbehauour in any maner of wise contrarie to this Acte, or comitte any wilful omission, or other whatsoever wilful, not dooing, or misdoeing, contrarie to the tenour of this Acte, or graunte: thesame commissioners, & euery numbze of them aboue remembred, or ii. of them at the least, vpo probable knowelege of any soche misdemeanours had by



by informacion, or examinacion, shal, and maie sette bpō every soche offendour, for every soche offence, in name of a fine, by the same offendour to be forfeited. xl. shillings, or vnder, by the discretion of the same Commissioners. And further the said Commissioners, and euery numbze of them, to twoo of them at the least, shal haue auctoritie by this presente Acte, to punishe every soche offendour by imprisonmente, there to remaine, and to be deliuered by their discretio, as shal seeme to them conuenient, the said fines (if any soche be) to be certified by the said Commissioners, that so assessed the same, into the said Kinges Exchequier, there to be leued, and paid by the Collectours of that parties, for the said Subsidie, retourned into the said Exchequier, to be therewith charged, with the paiemente of the said Subsidie, in soche maner, as if the said fines had been set, and taxed vpon the said offendours for the said Subsidie.

It is also enacted by the said auctoritie of this presente Parla-  
mente, that euery of the said high Collectours, whiche shal accōpte  
for any parte of the said Subsidie in the Kinges Exchequier, vpon  
their seueral said accōptes to be yelden, shalbe allowed perelie,  
during the said twoo yeres, for every pounce limited to his Colle-  
ction, wherof any soche Collectour shalbe charged, & yelde accōunt  
vi. d. as parcell of their said charge, that is to saie, of euery pounce  
therof, for soche persone as then haue had the particular collection  
in the Townes and other places, as is aforesaid, specified in his col-  
lection twoo pence, and other twoo pence of euery pounce therof, e-  
uery of the said chief Collectours there accōmptaunte to receiue to  
their owne vse, for their labour, and charge, in, and about the pre-  
misses, and twoo pence of euery pounce residue to be deliuered, allo-  
wed, and paid by the said Collectours, so being therof allowed, to  
soche of the Commissioners as shal take vpon them the businesse, &  
labour, for, and about the premisses, that is to saie, euery Collectour  
to paie that Commissioner, or Commissioners, whiche had the or-  
dizing of the writinges, of, and for the said Subsidie, where the said  
Collectour, or Collectours had their collection, for expenses of the  
said Commissioners so taking vpon them the said businesse, and  
labour of their Clerkes writing the said preceptes, and estreates  
for the said collections, the same last twoo pence of euery pounce,  
to be diuided amongst the said Commissioners, hauing regarde to  
their labour, and businesse taken by them, or their said Clerkes, in,  
and about the premisses: for whiche parte so to the said Commis-  
sioners atteining, the said Commissioners, sixe, fiue, fower, three, or as  
many of them, as shalbe therunto appointed by the Kinges Com-  
mission, and euery of them, iointlie, and seuerallie for his, and their  
said parte, maie haue his remedie against the said Collectour, or  
Collectours, whiche therof been, and might haue been allowed by



Action of debte, in whiche the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, neither protection, iniunction, or other essoine shall be allowed.

And that no persone now being of the numbze of the companie of this Presente Parlaunte, nor any Commissioner shall be named, or assigned to be any Collectour, Subcollectour, or Presentour of the said Subsidie, or of any parte therof, nor no Commissioners shall be compelled to make any presentmente, or certificat, other then in the Kinges Exchequier, of, for, or concerning the said Subsidie, or any parte therof in any of the said twoo yeres. And likewise that none other persone that shall be named, or assigned to be Commissioner in any place, to, and for the execution of this Acte of Subsidie in any of the said twoo yeres, be, or shall be assigned, or named head Collectour, in any of the said twoo yeres, of the said Subsidie, neither of any parte therof. And that every soche persone, or persones, whiche shall be named, and appointed, as is aforesaid, to be head Collectours, in, and for one of the said twoo yeres, shall not be compelled to be Collectour for the other and last yere, and the said Collectours whiche shall be assigned for the collection of the said Subsidie, or for any parte therof, and every of them, be, and shall be acquitted, and discharged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of every other charge in the Kinges Exchequier, or elsewhere, of them, or any of them, by reason of that collection, paiement, or accomptes, or any thing concerning the same to be asked. And that if any persone receive, & take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any soche accomptaunte, that then he shall forsaite to the King for every penie, or value of penie so taken, twentie pence, and suffer imprisonment at the Kinges pleasure.

And after the taxing, and assessing of the said yerelie Subsidies, as is aforesaid, had, and made, and the said estreats therof in parchment vnto the Collectours, in maner and fourme before rehearsed, delivered: the said Commissioners whiche shall take vpon them the execution of this Acte, within the limites of their commission, by their agrementes shall haue meting together: at whiche meting every of the said Commissioners, whiche then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of any parte of the said commission, shall by him selfe, or by his sufficient Deputie, truelie certifie, & bring forth vnto the said Commissioners named in the said commission, the certificat, and presentmente made before him, and soche other Commissioners as were limited with him in one limite, so that the same certificat maie be accounted, & cast with other certificates of the other limites, within the same commission, & then the said Commissioners, & every numbze of them vnto twoo at the least, as is aforesaid, if they be in life, or their Executours, or administratours of their gooddes, if they be the dead, shall iunctlie, and severallie, as they were divided within



within their limites vnder their seales, yerelie during thesaid twoo yeres, by their discretion make one, or seuerall writinges indented, conteining in it, aswel the names of thesaid Collectours by the Commissioners for soche collection, and accoumpte in the Exchequier, & paiemente in thesaid receipte deputed, & assigned, as the grosse, and seueral summes written vnto euery soche Collectour to receiue thesaid Subsidie, & also al fines, amerciamentes, & other forfaictures, if any soche, by reason of this Acte, happen to be within the precincte & limite of their comission to be certified into the Kinges Exchequier by thesaid Commissioners yerelie, during thesaid twoo yeres, by thesaid Commissioners: in whiche writing, or writinges indented so to be certified, shalbe plainelie declared, & expessed, aswell in the whole, & entire summe, or summes of thesaid Subsidie seuerallie limited to the collection of thesaid Collectours, seuerallie deputed, & assigned to the collection of thesaid summes, so that none of the said Collectours so certified in thesaid Exchequier, shalbe compelled there to accoupte, or to be charged, but onely, to, & for the summe limited to his collection, and not to, or for any summe limited to the collection of his felowe, but that euery of the shalbe seuerallie charged for their partes limited to their collection. And if thesaid Commissioners ioigned in one commission emonges them selues, in that matier cannot agree: or if any of the be not readie, or refuse to make certificat with other of thesame Commissioners: that then thesame Commissioners maie make seueral endentures, in fourme aforesaid, of their seueral limites, or separacions of Collectours, within the limites of their commission, vpon, & in the hundzedes, wardes, wapentakes, lathes, rapes, or soche other like diuisions within their said seueral limites of their commission, as the places there shal require, to be seuered, & diuided, and as to thesame Commissioners shal seeme to make diuisions of their limites, or collectiōs, for the seueral charges of thesame Collectours, so that alwaie one Collectour shalbe charged, & accoumpte for his parte to him to be limited onely by himselfe, & not for any summe limited to the parte of any of his felowes, and the charges of euery of the Collectours, to be set, and certified seuerallie vpon them, & euery soche Collectour, vpon his accoumpte, & paiemente of the summe of moneie limited within his collection to be seuerallie by himselfe acquitted, & discharged in thesaid Exchequier without payng any maner of fees, or rewardes to any person, or persones for thesame, vpon the peine, & penaltie last abovesaid, and not to be charged for any porcion of any other Collectour. And if any commissioner, after he hath taken certificat of them, that, as is aforesaid, shal before any soche Commissioner be examined, & the summes rated, & sette, and the bookes, & writinges therof being in his handes, or if any collectour, or other person charged with any



receippte of any parte of any of thesaied Subsidies, fiftenes, or ten-  
 thes, or any other persone taxed, or otherwise by this Acte charged  
 with, and for any parcell of thesaied Subsidies, or with any other  
 summes, for fine, amerciamente, penaltie, or other forsaicture, hap-  
 pen to die before soche Commissioner, Collectour, or other whatsoe-  
 uer persone, or persones haue executed, accomplished, satisfied, or  
 sufficientlie discharged it, whiche to every soche persone that apper-  
 tene, or belong to dooe according to this Acte, then the Executours  
 and heires of every soche persone, and al other leased of any landes,  
 or tenementes, that any soche persone being charged by this Acte,  
 and deceassing before he be discharged therof, or any other to his vls-  
 onely had of estate of enheritaunce at the time that any soche persone  
 was named Commissioner, Collectour, or in any other wise char-  
 ged with, and for any maner of thing to be dooen, satisfied, or paid  
 by reason of this Acte, and al these that haue in their possessions, or  
 handes, any gooddes, or cattalles, that were to any soche persone,  
 at the time of his death, landes, or tenementes, that were thesame  
 persones, at the time he was (as is aforesaid) charged by this Acte,  
 shalbe by thesame compelled, and charged to dooe, & accomplishe in  
 every case, as thesame persone so being charged should haue dooen,  
 & might haue been compelled to dooe, if he had been in plaine life, after  
 soche rate of the landes, and gooddes of thesaied Commissioner, or  
 Collectour, as the partie shal haue in his hande. And if thesame Co-  
 missioners, for causes reasonable theim mouing, shal thinke it not  
 conuenient to ioigne in one certificat, as is beforesaid, then thesaid  
 persone, or persones that shal first ioigne together, or he that shal  
 first certifie thesaied writing indented, as is aforesaid, shal certifie  
 al the names of the Commissioners of that commission, wherupon  
 soche writings shalbe there then to be certified, with diuisions of  
 the hundredes, wapentakes, wardes, tithinges, or other places, to,  
 and among soche Commissioners of thesame commission, with the  
 names of thesame Commissioners, where soche separacions, and di-  
 uisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of moneie, aswel of, & for the  
 saied Subsidie taxed, or set, of, or within thesaied hundredes, war-  
 des, wapentakes, or other places to him, or them diuided, or assigned,  
 that shal so certifie thesaid first writing, as of fines, amerciametes,  
 penalties, or other forsaictures, if any happen to be within thesame  
 limites, wherof thesame writings shalbe certified, and after soche  
 writing indented, whiche, as is aforesaid, shalbe certified, & not con-  
 teine in it the whole, and ful summes sette, and taxed within the li-  
 mites of thesame commission, the other Commissioners of thesame,  
 every of thesaid twoo peres, before the daie of paiemente of thesaid  
 Subsidie, shal certifie into thesaied Exchequer by their writing, or  
 writings indented to be made, as is beforesaid, the grosse, and se-  
 ueral



ueral summes, sette, and taxed, within the places to the limited for thesaied Subsidie, and other fines, amerciamentes, penalties, and forfeitures with the names of the hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or elles by their saied writings indented, to certifie at thesaied place, befoze thesaied daie of paiemente onelesse reasonable causes for their excuses, why thei maie not make soche certificat, of, & for thesaied Subsidie, with fines, amerciamentes, and other forfeitures, growing, or sette, by reason of the causes of their lettes, or of their none certifying, as is abouesaid, or elles in defaulte therof, processe to be made out of the Kinges Exchequier against thesaied Commissioners, & euery of them not making certificat, as is aforesaid, by the discretion of the Treasourer, and Barones of thesaied Exchequier.

Þrouided alwaies, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesaid, that the inhabitauntes of the Paroche of Sainte Martine, called Stampforde Barone in the suburges of the Bozoughe, and Toun of Stampforde, in the Southe parte of the water there called Wel lande, whiche herafter shalbe contributozie to the paiemente of this presente Subsidie graunted to the Kinges highnesse, his heires, and successours, shalbe assessed, rated, and taxed for this time, by soche Commissioners, whiche shalbe appointed for the taxing, rating, and selling of soche Subsidies, or tare, within the Countie of Lincolne, and shalbe for this time contributozies, and paie thesaied Subsidie to the Collectour, or Collectours whiche shalbe assigned, and appointed for the leuiage, and gathering of thesame, with the Aldzemenne, and Burgeses of thesaied Bozoughe, and Toun of Stampforde.

Þrouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that al, and euery persone, and persones hauing Manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, chargeable to the paiemente of the Subsidie graunted to the Kinges Maiestie by this Acte, and also hauing spiritual possessions chargeable to his saied Maiestie by the graunt made by the Clergie of this Realme in their couocation, and ouer this hauing substaunce in gooddes, and cattalles chargeable by this saied Acte, that then if any of thesaied persone, or persones be herafter charged, assessed, and taxed for thesaied Manours, landes, and tenementes, and Spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged, and taxed for his, or their gooddes, and cattalles, that then he, or thei shalbe onely charged by vertue of this Acte, for his, and their saied Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamentes, and spirituall possessions, or onely for his saied gooddes, and cattalles, the best therof to be taken for the King, and not to be charged for bothe, or double charged for any of them, any thing in this Acte contained to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

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Provided alwaies, that this graunte of Subsidie, nor any other thing therein contained in any wise extende to charge the inhabitautes, or dwellers within Irelande, Calice, Hammes, Guisnes, & the Marches of thesame, Ierneleseie, & Berneseleie, or any of them, of, for, & concerning any Manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, gooddes, cattalles, or other mouable substance, whiche thesaid inhabitautes, or dwellers, or any other to their vse haue within Irelande, Calice, Hammes, Guisnes, or other Marches of thesame, Ierneleseie, Berneseleie, or in any of them, of, for, or concerning any fees, or wages, whiche any of thesaid inhabitautes, or dwellers haue of our Souuerain lord the King for their attendaunce, & dooing seruice to our said Souueraine Lord, in Irelande, Calice, Hammes, Guisnes, & the Marches of thesame, Ierneleseie, & Berneseleie, or in any of the, any thing in this presente Acte to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this present Acte of subsidie, ne any other thing therein contained, extende to any of the English inhabitautes, or residents in any of the Counties of Northumbrelande, Cumbreland, Westmoredland, the toun of Barwike, the toun of Newcastle vpon Tyne, & the Bishoprike of Durham, nor to any of them, of, for, or concerning any Manours, landes, tenementes, & other possessions, gooddes, cattalles, or other mouable substance, whiche thesame inhabitautes, or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the said Counties of Northumbreland, Cumbreland, Westmoredland, or the toun of Barwike, the toun of Newcastle vpon Tyne, or the Bishoprike of Durham, or any of them, of, for, or concerning any fees, or wages, whiche any of thesaid inhabitautes, or dwellers, haue of our Souuerain lord the King, for their attendaunce, & dooing seruice to our said Souueraine Lord the King, for, or within thesaid Counties of Northumbrelande, Cumbreland, Westmoredland, the toun of Barwike, the toun of Newcastle vpon Tyne, & the Bishoprike of Durham, or any of them, to, or for thesaid taxing, leuyng, gathering, or paiement: but that the English inhabitautes, & residents, & euery of the, of thesaid Counties, Bishoprike, and Tounes, and of euery of them, shalbe of, and from thesaid Subsidie, and euery parcell therof, of, and for their Manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, gooddes, and cattalles liyng, and being in thesame Counties, Tounes, and Bishoprike, or any of them, utterly acquitted, and discharged, any thing in this present Acte before rehearsed to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Provided also that al lettres Patentes graunted by the Kinges highnesse, or any of his most noble progenitours, to any Cities, Boroughes, or Tounes within this Realme, of any maner of liberties, priuileges, or exemptions fro the burthen, and charge of any soche grauntes of Subsidies, whiche be at this present time in force, and

baillable,



baillable, shall remaine good and effectuell to thesaied Cities, Bo-  
roughes, and Tounes hereafter, according to the purportes therof,  
though the inhabitauntes of thesame shall vpon the great & weigh-  
tie consideracions of the Kinges Maiesties great, and inestimable  
charges befoze expessed, be for this graunt charged, and contribu-  
tozie, in like maner, fourme, and sorte, as other Cities, Boroughes,  
and Tounes, whiche be not in any wise priuiledged, or from suche  
grauntes of Subsidie excepted.

Prrouided alwaies, & be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that  
no Orphan, or insaunte within thage of .xxi. yeris bozne within any  
of the Kinges dominions, shalbe charged to any paiemente of this  
Subsidie for his gooddes, and Cattalles to him left, or bequethed.  
Any thing contained in this acte to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Prrouided also that thesaied graunte of Subsidie, or any other  
thing therein contained dooe not in any maner of wise extende to be  
preiudicial, or hurteful to thinhabitauntes, or resiauntes at this pre-  
sente time, within the fiue portes corporate, or to any of their mem-  
bres incorporate, or vnited to thesame fiue portes, or to any of the-  
same fiue portes, of, or for any parte, or parcell of thesaied summes  
graunted in this present Parliament of thesaied inhabitauntes now  
resiauntes, or any of them to be taxed, sette, asked, leuied, or paid,  
but that thesaied inhabitauntes, and resiauntes in thesaied fiue por-  
tes, and their membres be, and shalbe of, and from thesaied graunt,  
and paiemente of thesaied Subsidie, during the resiauncie there,  
and no lenger, clerelie acquitted, and discharged, any matier, or what-  
soeuer thing in this present Acte hadde, or made to the contrarie,  
notwithstanding.

Prrouided also, that this acte, nor any thing therein contained, shal  
extende to the gooddes, or landes of any College, Halle, or Hostle  
within the Uniuersities of Orenforde, and Cambrige, or any of the,  
or to the gooddes, or landes of the College of Winton founded by  
Bisshoppe Wickam, or to the gooddes, or landes of the college of E-  
ton nexte Windesore, or to the gooddes, or landes of any commune  
free Grammar Schole within the Realme of Englande, or Wales,  
or to the gooddes of any Reader, Scholemaster, or Scholar with-  
in thesaied Uniuersities, and Colleges, or any of them there remai-  
ning for studie, without fraude, or couine, or to the gooddes, or lan-  
des of any Hospital, Healsondieu, or Spittlehouse prepared, and v-  
sed for the sustentacion, and reliefe of poore people, any thing in this  
Acte contained to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

Forasmuche also, as diuerse and sundrie the kinges Maiesties  
subiectes, and other thinhabitauntes within the Counties of An-  
gleseie, Caernaruan, Merioneth, Flint, Denbigh, Mountgomerie,  
Radnor, Brecknocke, Glamorgan, Caerdigan, Caermarthen, Den-  
brooke



brooke in the dominion of Wales, and of the Countie Palantine of Chester, be at this present time charged, & chargeable with the paiement of the Reliefe, graunted to his Maiestie in the Parlamentes holden at Westminster vpon Prorogacione, in the second and thirde yere of his Maiesties reigne, whiche Reliefes, by reason of seuerall prouisions made, and prouided for the Counties aforesaid, in, and by thesaid seuerall actes, be as yet vnpaid, and some of thesame reliefes in some of thesaid Shires are to be paid befoze some other of thesame reliefes are to be paid in some other of thesame Shires: For the paiementes wherof, diuerse the Kinges Maiesties subiectes, and inhabitautes of thesaid Counties, are, and stande charged to paie thesame to the Kinges Highnesse at daies yet to come: The king our Souueraine Lorde is therfore pleased, and contented, that it be prouided, ordeined, and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the first paiement of this Subsidie graunted to his Highnesse by this present Acte of Parliament, shalbe gathered, leuied, and paid of the inhabitautes of euery of thesaid seuerall Shires, & Countie Palantine, within one yere nexte after the last paiement of thesaid Reliefe shalbe due, and ought to be paid, that is to saie, ordrelie in euery of thesaid Counties, and Countie Palantine, as the last daie of the paiemente of thesame Reliefe shall happen to ende, and expire, and not befoze mises, and Reliefe be past: And that thesame Subsidie shalbe taxed, leuied, gathered, and paid in thesaid Courte of Erchequier in the twoo yeres then nexte folowing, at suche like daies, and times in thesame twoo yeres, as be befoze in this present Acte limited and appoincted, according to the true meaning of this Acte, any thing in this Acte mencioned to the contrarie herof in any wise notwithstanding.

And to the entent thesaid daies alreadie limited, and appoincted for the paiement of thesaid Reliefe, maie be certainlie knowen, and be of Recoꝛde in the Kinges said Courte of Erchequier: Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that twoo of the Iustices of the Peace, in euery of thesaid Shires, and Countie Palantine, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall befoze the feast of Sancte Martine the Bischoppe next ensuing, certifie into thesaid Courte of Erchequier the certaintie, and very last daie appoincted, and limited for the paiement of thesaid Reliefe, in euery of thesaid Counties, and Countie Palantine, whiche certificat shalbe receiued in thesame Courte, and there remaine of Recoꝛde, for the considerations aforesaid.

**The. xiii. Chapitre.**

**An Acte for the confirmation of a Subsidie graunted by the Clergie.**

**Where**





Here the Prelates, and Clergie of the Province of Cantorburie haue louinglie, and liberallie for certaine considerations geuen, and graunted to the Kinges Maiestie a Subsidie of six Shillings of the pounce, to be taken, and leuied of all, and singular the Spiritual promotions within thesame province, during the terme of .iii. yerres, now nexte ensuing, in suche certaine maner and fourme, and with diuerse exceptions, and prouisions specified, and conteined in a certaine instrumente by them therof made, and deliuered to the Kinges highnesse vnder the seale of the Archebischoppe of Cantorburie, as in thesame instrumente exhibited in this present Parliament moze plainelie it dooeth appeare, the tenour wherof ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates, and Clergie of the Province of Cantorburie, by great, and weightie causes to them preposed, and among thesame weighed, and debated, considering their bounde dуетie to the Kinges Maiestie their moste naturall, and graciouse Souueraine Lorde, and hauing in remembraunce the manifolde benefeictes whiche thei daillie receiue by his most graciouse, and godlie gouernemēt, wherby thei be conserued in peace, and quietnesse, and so moze hable to serue God, and intende to their office: for declaration of their good hartes and mindes towarde his highnesse, with one voice, and very hartie good wil, dooe geue & graunt to his Maiestie one Subsidie, in maner and fourme folowing, that is to saie, that euery Archebischoppe, Bischoppe, Deane, Archedeacon, Prebendarie, Priouoste, master of Colleges, master of Hospitales, person, Vicar, and euery other person, and persones of whatsoeuer name, or degree, he, or thei be, enioiynge any Spiritual promotion, or other Tempozall possessions to thesame Spirituall promotion annexed, now not diuided, nor separate by Acte of Parliament, or otherwise from the possession of the Clergie, shall paie to the Kinges highnesse, for euery pounce, that he maie yerelie dispende, by reason of thesaied Spirituall promotion, the summe of .vi. s. And for the true, and certaine knowelege of the yerelie value of thesaied promotions, and euery of them, wherof the paiement shalbe made, the rate, taxacion, and valuacion, and estimacion remaining of recorde in the Kinges Maiesties courte of the first fructes, and Tenthe, for the paiement of the perpetuall disine, concerning all suche promotions, as be in possession of the Clergie, or any other not diuided by Acte of Parliament, or otherwise (as is aforesaid) shalbe folowed, and obserued without any making any valuacion, rate, taxacion, or estimacion, other then in thesaied recorde is comprised.

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saied valuation, and tare befoze mencioned, is yerelie paied to the Kinges highnesse for the perpetual disme, so as there remaineth onely nine partes to the incumbent cleare, this Subsidie of .vi. s. the .l. shall be vnderstande onely of thesame nine partes, and of no moze.

Provided alwaies that no persone that is already promoted to any Spiritual benefice, sithen the first daie of Octobze last past befoze the date herof, or that hereafter shall be promoted to any Spiritual benefice on thisside the first daie of Octobze, whiche shall be in the yere of our Lorde God a thousande five hundred fiftie and five, by reason wherof thei be, shall, or maie be charged that yere to the paiement of first fructes, shall be contributozie, or charged to the Kinges highnesse with any parte of this Subsidie, during the first yere of his saied promocion. The saied Prelates, and Clergie also dooe graunt, that this Subsidie of .vi. s. of the pounce of the yerelie value of euery promocion taxed, as aforesaid, shall be paied to the Kinges Maiestie within .iii. yeres next ensuing the date hereof, that is to saie .ii. s. of euery pounce in euery of thesaied .iii. yeres. The first paiement therof to be due, and made at the first daie of Octobze next ensuing whiche shall be in the yere of our Lorde God .M. D. liii. and the seconde paiement therof to be due, and made in the first daie of Octobze then next folowing, whiche shall be in the yere of our Lorde God a thousande, five hundred, fiftie & foure. And the thirde paiement therof to be due, and made in thesaied first daie of Octobze the next folowing, whiche shall be in the yere of our Lorde God a .M. D. lv. and to bee deliuered and paied yerelie by suche as shall be appointed to haue the collection therof, to the Treasourer of the Kinges courte of first fructes, and Tenthes, or to any other persone, whom it shall please the Kinges Maiestie to appoint for the receipt therof, befoze, or at the last daie of Januarie, in euery of thesaied .iii. yeres.

Item thesaied Prelates, and clergie also dooe graunt, that euery prieste, and al other persones hauing a pension by reason of the dissolution of any the late Monasteries, Colleges, free Chappelles, chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitales, or any other corporation within thesaied Prouince of Cantorburie shall likewise paie to his highnesse .vi. s. of euery .l. of thesaied pensio within thesaied .iii. yeres at suche daie, & time, as is befoze specified: and that for the sure paiement therof, a deduction and retencion of thesaied .vi. s. to be made in the handes of the paiers of thesaied pensio after the proportion of .ii. s. of the pounce, euery of thesaied .iii. yeres to be deliuered and paied vnto his maiesties vse at suche time, & to suche persons as the subsidie of .vi. s. aforesaid shall be paied vnto. Item thesaied Prelates & clergie doe graunt, that euery priest receiuing annual stipend being no perpetuities within thesaied prouince, shall paie vnto his graces vse .vi. s. viii. d. in euery of thesame .iii. yeres, at thesame daies, & vnder



vnder thesame penalties, as the rest of the Clergie dooe paie for their promotions. Item thesaid Prelates, and Clergie fether dooe graunt, that euery Archebischoppe, & Bischoppe, and the see beyng vacant, euery Deane, and Chaptre of that see boide shalbe Collectours of this Subsidie within their propre Diocese: and for the better recouerie of thesaid colleccion, thesaid Prelates, and Clergie humbly beseeche the kinges highnesse, that thei maie haue full power, and auctoritie by his Maiestie, and the high court of Parliament, to vse all suche waies meanes, and processe, as be prescribed in the Acte of Parliament of perpetuall Dismes for the Colleccion, and leuypng of thesame: And shall make accountt therof befoze the Chauncellour, or Tresourer or other officers of his graces court of the first Fruictes, and Tenth, or in suche other place, as it shall please his highnesse to appoint in suche wise, and after suche fourme onely, as thesaid Archebischoppes and Bischoppes be now, or shalbe charged for the Colleccion of the perpetuall Disme, wherby is meant, how the lacke, and default of payment, of, and for any particular promotion shall onely charge the Incumbent, and suche as be bounde to paie thesame, and that vpon suche peines as be prouided in the Acte of perpetuall Disme, against them that dooe make default in that behalfe.

Prrouided alwaies that euery Incumbent makynge suche default of payment after certificat of suche default duely made, and exhibited in the Kinges Maiesties Courte of first Fruictes, and Tenth, shall forfait, and loose onely that his benefice, or promotion for whiche he maketh default, and for thesame shall incurre no other forfeiture, losse, daungier, pain, or penaltie: Any other pain, clause, article, or condition in thesaid Statute of perpetuall Disme contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the Archebischoppe, Bischoppe, or Deane, and Chaptre gatherynge that thei can receiue, and makynge payment therof, shall for the rest not by them receiued be discharged by their certificat to be made by the first daie of februarye, in euery of thesaid. iiii. yerres, or within. xliiii. daies after, into the Courte of first Fruictes, and Tenth: And. vi. s. of euery pounce wherwith the Collectour shalbe charged in his accountt, clearely to be paid into the said receipt, or into soche other place, as it shall please the kinges maiestie to appoint, shalbe allowed to thesame Collectour for his said accountt for thesame, for the charges, and Colleccion, portage, conueighynge, and payng of thesaid Subsidie.

Prrouided alwaies that no Spirituall promotion of any landes, or Reuenues annexed to thesame beyng charged by this graunt, or Acte of the Prouince of Cantorburie, or any gooddes, or Cattalles growynge, beyng, or tenynge of thesame, or pertainynge to the owners of thesaid spirituall promotion, shalbe charged, or made contributoie to any. xv. or other Subsidie already graunted, to the kinges highnesse



of the late fee, or hereafter to be graunted, during the terme of the said iii. yeres. Item the said Prelates and Clergie further graunt, that euery of his graces newe erected Bishoppes, Deanes, Prebendaries, Peticanons, and Preachers shalbe charged to this Subsidie for their awne porcions onely therof to paie. vi. shillings of the pounce within the said iii. yeres, as is aboue rehearsed of other Bishoppes, and Spirituall persones: And these porcions of Rentes, and Reuenues, whiche his highnesse hath geuen vnto theim, for the maintenaunce of poore men, Scholemasters, Alshers, Grammatiens, Choristers, and other Officers, and Ministers not to be charged with any part of this Subsidie.

Provided also that euery Person, Vicar, or other spirituall man payng any Pension, wherof none allowaunce is made in the valuation of his said benefice, shall, and maie retaine. ii. s. of euery pound of euery such Pension euery yere during the said iii. yeres to his awne relief, in consideration that he is charged to paie his Subsidie of. vi. s. of the pound, out of euery pound of the whole value of his promotion.

Provided also that where certain Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Tithes, Pensions, Porcions, Fructes, and other Hereditamentes, lately belongyng to diuerse Cathedrall Churches, or to other places Ecclesiasticall within the said Province of Cantorburie, whiche were geuen, and assigned to be bestowed, and spent, to, and on the finding, and maintenaunce of certain Chauntries, Anniversaries, Obites, Lightes, Lampes, and other like thinges, intentes, and purposes, be now comen into the handes, and possession of the kinges maiestie our Souereign Lorde, by force of a Statute therof made in the first yere of his gracious reigne, as by the said Statute moze plainly appeareth, that the said Cathedrall Churches, and the Deanes, or Presidetes, and Chapters of the same, and all other places and persones to whom the said Landes, Rentes, and other the premises, or any of the did lately appertein, shall not be charged to, and with any contribution, or payment of any Subsidie for that part, or porcion wherunto the kinges highnesse is intituled or possessed of, but the said Subsidie shalbe vnderstande, to be chargeable, and due onely of all, and singular Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Tithes, Pensions, Porcions, Fructes, and other Hereditamentes, whiche dooe still remain not disseuered from the handes and possession of the said Cathedrall Churches, and other the places, and persones aforesaid. And that deduccio and allowaunce bee made to theim, and euery of theim in the payment of the said Subsidie, out of the whole value, taxation, and estimation made for the payment of the said perpetuall Disme, remainyng of Record in the kinges Maiesties Courtes of first Fructes, and Tenths for that rate, and porcion, whiche is comen to the handes, and possession of our said Souereign Lorde, or otherwise seuered from the possessions



cessions of the said Cathedral Churches, and other places and persones aforesaid by force of the statute premised.

Provided also that every person, and Vicar whose benefice is above the valuation of. l. s. and not above. l. s. xii. s. iii. d. after the rate of the perpetuall Tenth, shall paye every yere, of the said. iii. ptes, onely. vi. shillings. viii. d. as Stipendaries dooe, and not otherwise. And that all Persones, and Vicars, whose benefices be of the valuation of. l. s. pounes or vnder, after the rate of the said perpetuall Tenth, shall not be charged, nor chargeable with this Subsidie, or any part therof.

Provided alwaies that this Subsidie graunted by the Clergie, shall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, house of studentes, or College situate, or set within the Vniuersities of Oxforde, and Cambridge, or of any Benefice, or other Reuenues vnto any house of studentes, or College of Oxforde, or Cambridge vnted, appropriated, or apperteyning, or of the College of Eton nigh Windsoze, or of the college of Winchester founded by William Wickham some time Bishop of Winchester, or of any Hopitalles, or Grammar Scholes, or of any other Chutche, or benefice, or of any other reuenues to the said houses, Colleges, Hopitalles, or Grammar Scholes, or to any of the annexed, appropriated, or otherwise apperteyning.

Provided also that every priest, and all other persones hauing a Pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, Free Chapelles, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hopitalles, or any other Incorporacions within the Province of Cantorburie, or any of them, and beyng of the summe of xl. s. or vnder, and not above, shall not be charged or chargeable to the said Subsidie, or any part therof, for any suche Pension of. xl. s. or vnder, any thing contained in this graunt to the contrary notwithstanding. And for the sure, and true payment of this Subsidie graunted by the said Prelates and Clergie of the Province of Cantorburie, accordyng to the tenour, purport, effect, and true meanyng of this present Instrument. The said prelates, and Clergie moste humbly desire, and requite your highnesse, that this their said gift, graunt, and Subsidie, and every matier, summe of money, clause, and sentence in this Instrument contained, concernyng the said Subsidie, maie be ratified, established, and confirmed by auctoritie of your highnesse court of Parlament.

And for the true, and sure payment of the said Subsidie graunted by the said Prelates, and Clergie of the said Province of Cantorburie, accordyng to the tenour, effect, and true meanyng of the said Instrument. Be it enacted by the kinges highnesse, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall, and Temporall, and the Communes in this present Parlament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the said gift, and graunt, and every matier, summe of money, clause, and sentence



sentence in thesaid Instrument contained, be ratified, established, and confirmed by the auctoritie aforesaid: And furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that every person that shall be appointed to the Collection, and gathering of thesaid Subsidie, shall have full power, and auctoritie to leue, take, and perceiue thesame Subsidie by auctoritie of the Censures of the Church, or by distresse, upon the possession of the Fermours, and awners of the Landes, and Tenementes chargeable by this Acte, for, or to the payment of any summe, or summes of money, or otherwise, by the discretion of the Collectours thereof. And that no Replevie, Prohibition, or Superseades shall be allowed, or obeyed for any person, or persons, making default of payment of thesaid Subsidie, contrary to the tenour of the graunt thereof, vntill suche time as they haue truly satisfied, and contented all suche part, and portions, as to them in that behalf appertaineth. And that every suche Fermour, and Fermours that shall fortune hereafter to be charged, to, and with the payment of thesaid Subsidie, or any part thereof, shall by the auctoritie aforesaid, be allowed, and retain in his handes as muche of his yerely Ferme, and Rente, as the Summe, whiche he shall fortune to paie for his Lorde, or Lesour, shall extende, and amounte vnto, any writing, couenaunt, bande, or other thing had, or made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And for the leuying of thesaid Subsidie of vi. shillynge of the pounce, of, and for the yerely Pensions whiche any Priest, or other person, or persons whiche heretofore haue been Religious, or taken for Religious persones, dooe, or shall receiue at the Courte of Chaugmentacions, and Reuenues, the Chauncellour of thesame Courte for the time being shall yerely during thesaid.iii. yeres, that is to saie, at the feast of sainte Michael Tharchaungell yerely during thesaid.iii. yeres, detein, and retain in his handes, or cause to be deteined, or reteined in the handes of other thofficers, and Ministers of thesame Courte to the Kinges vse for every pounce of thesame Pensions twoo shillynge: and thesame shall well, and truly be paie, or cause to be paid into thesaid Courte of the Tente, and first fructes, or elsewhere, as the Kinges highnesse shall appoint, before the last date of Januarie, without any charge to be made, or sustained in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that every other person, and persons whiche paie, or be chargeable to paie any yerely Rente, Pension, or Pensions to any Priest, or other person, or persons whiche heretofore haue been Religious, or taken for Religious persones chargeable to the paiement of thesaid Subsidie: That every suche person, or persons whiche dooe so paie, or hereafter shall paie any of thesaid yerely Rentes, Pension, or Pensions, shall not onely, during thesaid three yeres, retain in his handes yerely



relie to the kinges vse for euery pounde of thesame yerelie rentes, pension, or pensions ii. s. and thesame well, and truelie paie, or cause to be paid yerelie, during thesame three yeres, vnto thordinarie of the same Diocese, or to the Collectour of thesaied Subsidie there to the kinges vse, but also shall yerelie during thesame three yeres, before the first daie of Decembze, certifie vnder his, or their seale, or seales vnto thesaied Courte of first fructes, and Tenthe, or els where it shall please the kinges highnesse to appointe the names, and Surnames of all and singular suche priestes, or other persones religeuos or heretofore taken for religious persones, as is aforesaid, and the true yerelie rentes, or pensions, whiche thei, or any of them be entitled to haue, or receiue yerelie, as is aforesaid. And that the Chauncellour for the tyme being of the kinges Courte of Augmentacions, and reuenues of the kinges Croune, shall likewise yerelie during thesaied three yeres, before the first daie of Decembze certifie vnder the seale of thesame Courte, not onely the names, and Surnames of all, and singular Priestes, and other persones chargeable for thesaied seuerall rentes, and yerelie pensions to the paiement of thesaied Subsidie into thesaied Courte of the Tenthe, and first fructes or els where it shall please the kinges Maiestie to appointe: but also the true and iuste yerelie summe, and summes of thesame yerelie rentes, or pensions with the names, or Surnames of the persones chargeable to the paiemente therof. And that the Archebischoppe, and Bischoppe of euery Diocese within thesaied Prouince of Cantorburie shall yerelie, during thesaied three yeres, before the first daie of Februarie, or within. xiiij. daies after at the ferthest, certifie vnder his Seale in thesaied Courte of the Tenthe, and first fructes, or els where it shall please the King to appointe the names, and Surnames of all and singular Stipendarie Priestes, being within any of their Diocese chargeable to thesaied paiement of thesaied Subsidie, as is aforesaid, and also the names, and Surnames of euery suche persone, and persones with whom he or thei dooe dwell, and take any Stipende, or wages.

And bee it ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery suche persone, and persones whiche within thesaied three yeres shall geue, and paie any Stipende, or Wages to any suche Prieste, as is abouesaid, shall for the insufficiencie or defaulte of euery of thesame Prieste, or Priestes being in seruice, and Wages with him at the firste daie of Octobze, be charged, or chargeable, to, and with the paiemente of Six shillings eight pence for thesame yere.

And be it ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that thesaied Archebischoppe, & bischoppes, & other persons chargeable, to, and with



with the collection of thesaied Subsidie of .vi. s. the pounde, within thesaied Prouince of Cantorburie, shall haue vpon euery paiement therof made in the kinges Courte of the Tenth, and first fructes, or els where the kinges Maiestie shall appointe, a sufficient acquitaunce in wryting of suche persone, or persones as the kinges Maiestie shall appointe for the receipte therof, thesame acquitaunce witnessing thesame receipte of asmuche of thesame summe of thesame Subsidie as shalbe by any of them so receiued: and euery suche acquitaunce in wryting sealed, and subscribed with the name, or names of euery suche persone, or persones that so by the kinges appointment shall receiue any of thesaied summes of moneie, shall be as good, and effectuell in the lawe, and also a sufficient discharge to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if it were made by acte of Parliament: and that euery persone and persones whiche shall haue, and receiue any suche acquitaunce shall paie but onely .ii. s. for euery of thesame acquitaunces.

Be it also ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that all, and euery graunt, and grauntes of all, and euery summe, and summes of moneie, whiche hereafter shalbe graunted to the kinges highnesse by the Clergie of the Prouince of Yorke, shalbe of thesame strengthe, force, and effecte in all thinges, as thesaied graunt made by thesaied Prouince of Cantorburie, and shalbe taxed, certified, collected, leuiued, and gathered according to the tenour, fourme, and effecte of this present acte of Parliament, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, in suche maner, as though it were speciallie, plainlie, and particularlie expessed, and rehearsed in this Acte by expresse wordes, termes, and sentences in their seuerall natures, and kindes.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery late persone hauing any Spirituall promocion chargeable by this Acte, and also hauing Temporall possessions, gooddes, Cattalles, and debtes chargeable to this Subsidie graunted by the Temporalitie, shalbe charged, taxed, and sette, for his saied Spirituall promocion with the Clergie, and for his Temporall possessions, Gooddes, and Cattalles with the Temporalitie, and not otherwise.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid that al prouisos before rehearsed, contained in thesaied graunt of the Prelates, and Clergie of the Prouince of Cantorburie, and the like, or thesame prouisions hereafter to bee contained in the graunt of the Prelates, and Clergie of the Prouince of Yorke, shall be good and effectual, and to be obserued, and kepte in euery point, and Article according to the true purpozte, and meaning of thesame.



# AN ACTE FOR THE KINGES

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FRRE PERDONE.

The. xiii. Chapitre.



**T**he kinges moste excellent Maiestie consideryng his high power to be geuen vnto him, fro almighty God to gouerne, and rule his people by distribution of Iudgement, and mercie, as causes dooe require, and remembryng this present time into how many penalties, and daungers of lawes sonde his louyng subiectes be fallen, out of the whiche, (although thei shewe themselves many waies soze therfore) thei cannot be deliuered, if his maiestie shall suffre the weight, and burden of Justice to remain vpon their shoulders: As mercifully moued by almighty God (in whose handes the hartes of kinges be) of reasonable pietie, and princelie bountefulnesse, haupyng on the one parte greate hope of an vniuersall amendemente, (by Goddes grace) of soche as haue erred, and on the other part, a manifest declaration in this Parliament, of the faithfull louyng hartes of his saied subiectes to graunt, and geue without respecte of a greate encrease of treasure, whiche might arise by execucion of the penall lawes, a generall, free, bountefull, and beneficiall perdone, as foloweth. That is to saie, that al, and euery of his saied subiectes, aswell spirituall, as temporall of this his realme of Englande, Wales, the Isles of Iernesey, and Gernesey, Barwicke, and Calice, and the Marches of thesame, thei heires, successours, executours, and administratours of the, and euery of thein, and all, and singulat bodies in any maner of wise corporate, Cities, Borowghes, Shires, Ridynges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Tounes, Villages, and Tithynges, and euery of thein, and the successour and successours of euery of the, shalbe by aucthoritie of this present Parlamente acquitted, perdoned, released, and discharged against the kinges highnesse, his heires, successours, executours, and euery of them, of all maner treasons, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, trespasses, wronges, deceiptes, misdemeanours, forfaitures, penalties, and profits, summes of money, peines of death, peines corporall, and pecuniarie, and generally of all other thinges, causes, querelles, suites, iudgementes, and execucions in this present acte herafter not excepted, nor forpysed, whiche maie be, or can be by his highnesse in any wise, or by any meane perdoned, before, & vnto the first daie of february last past, and next before the Session of this present Parliament, to euery, or any of his saied subiectes, bodies corporate, cities, borowghes, Shires, Ridynges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, tounes, villages, and tithynges, or any of them, And also the kinges highnesse is contented, that it be enacted by

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aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that this his saied free pardon  
 shalbe as good, and effectuell in the lawe, to euery of his saied subie-  
 ctes, bodies corporate, and other befoze rehearsed, and to euery of the  
 by thesaid generall woordes befoze rehearsed, in, and against all thing-  
 ges, whiche bee not herafter in this presente acte excepted, as thesame  
 perdone should haue been, if all offences, contemptes, forsaictures,  
 causes, matiers, suites, querelles, iudgements, execucions, penalties  
 and al other thinges not herafter excepted, had been particularly, sin-  
 gularly, specially, and plainly named, rehearsed, and specified, and al-  
 so perdoned by propre, and expresse woordes, and names in their kin-  
 des, natures, and qualities, by woordes, and termes therunto requi-  
 site, to haue been put, and expresse in this present acte of free pardon.  
 And that his saied subiectes noz any of the, oz the helres, executours,  
 and administratours of any of them, noz any of thesaid bodies cor-  
 porate, and others befoze named, noz any of them be, oz shalbe sued,  
 vexed, oz inquieted in their bodies, gooddes, landes, oz cattalles for a-  
 ny maner of matier, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forsaicture, tres-  
 passe, offence, oz any other thing suffered, dooen, oz comitted befoze the  
 said first daie of februarye against his highnesse, his croune, dignitie  
 prerogatiue, lawe, oz statutes, but onely for soche matiers, causes, and  
 offences, as be plainly rehearsed in the excepcions in this present acte  
 herafter mectioned, and for none other, any statute, oz statutes, lawes,  
 customes, vles, oz presidet heretofore had, made, oz vled to the contra-  
 rie in any wise notwithstanding. Also the kinges highnesse of his boun-  
 teous liberalitie, by aucthoritie of this present Parlamente graun-  
 teth, and freely geueth to euery of his saied subiectes, and to euery of  
 thesaid bodies corporate, and other befoze rehearsed, and to euery of  
 them, al soche forsaictures, and summes of money by any of them for-  
 saicted, whiche to his highnesse dooe, oz should belong, oz appertein by  
 reason of any offence, trespassse, contempt, misdemeanour, matier, cause  
 oz querell suffered, dooen, oz committed by them, oz any of them, befoze  
 thesaid first daie of februarye, whiche be not herafter plainly forpri-  
 sed, oz excepted in this present acte. And that all, and euery the kinges  
 saied subiectes, and all and singular bodies corporate, and other be-  
 foze rehearsed maie by him, oz theinselfes, oz his, oz their deputie, oz  
 deputies oz by his, oz their attourney, oz attournies, accordyng to the  
 lawes of this realme, plead, and minister this present acte of free par-  
 done for his, oz their discharge, of, and for euery thing that is by ver-  
 tue of this present Acte perdoned, discharged, geuen, oz graunted  
 without any fee, oz other thing in any wise payng to any persone, oz  
 persones for writyng, oz entrie of the Judgement, oz other cause con-  
 cernyng soche plee, writyng, oz entrie, but onely .xii. d. to bee paid to  
 the officer, oz clerke that shall entre the plee, matier, oz iudgement for  
 the parties discharge in that behalfe, any statute, oz vse to the con-  
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tratie notwithstanding.

And fethermore the Kinges highnesse is contented, and pleased, that it be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parlaunte, that this his saied free perdone, by the generall woordes before rehearsed, shalbee reputed, demed, and adiudged, allowed, and taken in all maner of Courtes of his, and elsewhere in all, and singular clauses, wordes, and sentences mencioned, and rehearsed in this saied free perdone mooste beneficially, and auailably to al, and singular his saied subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before rehearsed, and to euery of them, and mooste strongly in barre, and discharge against his highnesse, his heires, successours, and executours in euery thing without any obstacle, ambiguitie, challenge, or other delaie whatsoever it shalbe to be made, pleaded, objected, or alleged by the king our Souerein Lorde, his heires, successours, or executours, or by his, or any of their generall attourney, or attournies, or by any persone, or persones for his highnesse, or any of his heires, successours, or executours.

And fethermore it is enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parlaunt that if any officer, or clerke of any of his highnesse courtes, commonly called the Kinges Benche, Chauncerie, and Common place, or of his Exchequier, or any other Officer, or Clerke of any other of his highnesse courtes within this realme, at any time after the fiftene daie of Aprill, nexte comyng, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a thousande, fure hundred, fiftie and thre make out, or writte out any maner writtes, or other proceffe, or any extreates, summones, or other preceptes whereby any of the said subiectes, or any of the said bodies corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of them shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distreigned, summoned, or otherwise vexed, inquieted, or greued in his, or their bodies, landes, tenementes, gooddes or cattalles, or in any of them, for, or because of any maner of thing pardoned, or discharged by vertue of this acte of free perdone, then he so offendyng, and therof lawfully condemned shall yelde, and paie for recompense therof to the partie so greued, or offended, treble damages, accoumptyng, as parcelles of the same damages, all costes of the suite, and neuerthelesse all, and singular soche writtes, proceffe, extreates, and preceptes so to be made for, or vpon any maner thing pardoned, or discharged by this present Acte of free perdone shalbe utterly void, and of none effect. Excepte, and alwaies forepysed out of this generall, and free perdone all, and all maner of high Treasones committed, or dooen by any persone, or persones by any ouert, deede, or acte against the Kinges mooste roiall persone, and all insurreccions, rebellions, conspiracies, and confederacies traitterously had, committed, or dooen by any persone, or persones against the Kinges persone. And also excepted all, and al maner of treasons, committed, or dooen by any persone, or persones in the parties beyonde the sea, or in any



other place out of the Kinges Dominions, and all suites, punishments, executions, peines of death, forfeitures, and penalties for, or by reason, or occasion of any of the Treasons, or offences before excepted. Also except, and forpysed out of this free pardone all, and all maner of forgyng, counterfeiting, waschyng, and clippynge of whatsoeuer money, or coigne current in this realme, and all, and all maner of offences, impetitions, punishments, forfeitures, peines of death, Judgements, and executions for thesame. And also excepted, and forpysed out of this generall and free pardone all, and every piracy, and Piracies, dooen vpon the Sea, and all maner of voluntarie murders, and all, and every burglarye in any dwelling house, and all, and every robberye dooen in any Church, or Churches, and all, and every robberye dooen in any dwelling house, or houses in the daie time, and all robberyes dooen vpon, or to any mannes persone, and all rapes, and carnall ravishments of women, all wilfull escapes aswell of Traitors, and Fellons, as of Clerkes atteincted. And also excepted, and forpysed all, and singular accessaries of, in, or to thesaid offences before excepted, and to every of them, or any of them. And also excepted out of this generall, and free pardone all attainours, and outlawries for any Treason, Murder, Robberie, or Burglarye. And also excepted all, and every maner of takynge fro the king of any gooddes, Issues, Rentes, Reuenues, or profits of any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes of any Traitor, Murderer, Fellow, Clerke, or Clerkes beeyng persones atteincted, outlawed, or fugitiues, or of any of them. And also excepted all maner of intrusions, and vnlawfull entrees had, made, or dooen in, or vpon any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes of our Souerein lord the king, and the takynge of any the issues, and profits of thesame, and also all suites, and impetitions for thesame. And excepted also all wastes committed, or dooen in any of the kinges Wardes landes, or in the Wardes landes of any of the kinges committies, and all forfeitures of mariage, of all, and every the kinges Wardes. And also all, and every concelement of any Custome, or Subsidie, and all, and singular accomptes of all, and every Collectour, and Collectours of any Subsidie, or fiftene, Beneuolence, or Contribucion, and of every other persone whatsoever that ought to be accomptaunt to the king, or to his moste noble father king Henrie theight, and the heires, executours, and administratours of every soche accomptaunt, and all arerages of accomptes, and all impetitions, and suites for thesame. Also except all enclosures, and decates of houses of housebandrie, made, dooen, committed, or permitted, contrary to the fourme, and effecte of any Statute, or Statutes heretofore made.

Provided alwaies that all issues, profits, amerciamentes, fines, and



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and other penalties, whiche were due to the king, before the first date of februarye nexte before this present Session of Parliament, by reason of any soche enclosure, or decise, as is aforesaid, shalbe frely pardoned by this acte. And also except out of this generall, and free pardone all maner of vnlawfull claines, vsurpaciōs, vser, abuser, or not vser of any liberties, franchises, priuileges, or iurisdiccions, wherof or for the whiche any writte or suite of *quod warrantum*, or informacion is now dependyng in any of the kinges Courtes: And except, and forzapied out of this free pardone all issues, fines, and amerciamentes affered, taxed, sette, extracted, or entred seuerally, or particularly, touching, & concernyng any one persone, or mo persones iointly, extendyng to the summe of .xx. pounce, or aboue. And also all, and singular other fines, aswell fines pro licentia concordandi, as other set, or taxed, and all other issues, and amerciamentes, aswell reall, as other, whiche seuerally, or particularly extende not to the summe of tenne poundes, whether thei be totted, or not totted, taken to the charge of the Shireif or not taken to his charge, extracted, or not extracted, whether thei be tourned into debte, or not into debte, and not beyng leuied, nor receiued by any Shireif, or Shirifes, Bailief, Ministers, or other Officers, shalbe fully, clearely, and plainly pardoned, and discharged against the king our Souerein Lozde, his heires, and successours for euer by this present Acte of free pardone. And also excepted, and forzapied out of this free pardone all, and all maner of deceiptes, and offences of all, and singular Honiers, and other Officers, Minsters, or woorkmenne, of, or in any of the kinges Minsters within this Realme, or any other his Dominions, and all impetitions, and punishments for thesame. And also excepted, and forzapied out of this generall, and free pardone all rauishementes, and withholdynges of the kinges Wardes, and Wardes landes at any time comen, or growen to the kinges handes, and not yet discharged. And also excepted all Titles, and Accions of Quare impedit, and all Homages, Relief, and Relieves, Rentes, Seruices, Rente charges, Rente Sek, and the arerages of thesame not dooen, or paid to the king.

And also excepted all debtes whiche were, or be due to our Souerein Lozde the king, or to the moſte noble king of famousse memozie king Henrie the seuenth, or to king Henrie theight, or to any persone or persones to his, or their vse, by any condemnation, Recognisaunce, Obligacion, or otherwise, other then soche as are due vpon any Obligacion, or Recognisaunce forsaicted before thesaid first date of februarye for non apparaunce, or for not keepyng of the peace, or not beyng of good behauour. And also excepted, and forzapied out of this pardone all, and singular those forsaictures beyng due to our Souerein lozde the king by any penaltie, statute, or statutes, whiche be con-



uered into the nature of debte by Judgement, or by the agremente of the offendour, or offendours, or wherof there is any veredict past for the king. And also excepted all forsaictures, and other penalties, and profits growen, or due to the king by reason of any offence, contempt, or other acte had, suffered, committed, or dooen contrarie to any statute, or statutes, or contrarie to the commune lawe, wherof any information is geuen in the kinges Exchequier, or into the kinges Bench, or wherof the kinges highnesse by his bill signed, or otherwise heretofore hath made any gifte, or assignement to any persone, or persones. And also excepte, and forpysed out of this generall, and free pardone all soche persones, as the last daie of this presente Moneth of Marche were, or shalbe in prisone within the Tower of London, or in the flete, the kinges Bench, or the Marshalsey, and all persones put to execution before the said last daie of Marche. And also excepted out of this general, and free pardone all, and euery persone, and persones in any wise, before the twentieth daie of Marche, in the yere of our Lorde God a thousande five hundred, fiftie and two, committed to prisone to the Porters warde, by the commaundement of any the kinges Counsaill in the Marches of Wales, for any Felonie, Robberie, or murder at any time committed, or dooen before the said twentieth daie of Marche. And also excepted out of this general and free pardone all, and euery soche persone, and persones whiche haue heretofore fledde out of this Realme of Englande, or any other the kinges Dominions, for any offence of high Treason, petite Treason, or misprision of Treason. And also except out of this pardone al, and euery offence, and offences touchyng, or concernyng the carriage, sendyng, or conueighyng ouer the Seas of any Golde, Siluer, Jewelles, or any coigne of Golde, or Siluer contrarie to the Lawes, or Statutes of this Realme onlesse it were, or be by the kinges licence.

Provided alwaie, and bee it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament that al, and euery persone, and persones whiche haue tended, or ought to sue Liuerie out of our said Souerain Lorde the kinges handes, of, or for any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or hereditamentes whatsoever thei be, shall sue his, or their liuerie, and liueries out of our said Souerain Lorde the kinges handes, of his, or their Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes in like maner, and fourme as thei, and euery of theim should, or ought to haue dooen, if this acte had neuer been had, ne made, any article, acte, or actes, thing, or thinges in this present acte of generall, and free pardone compysed, and specified to the contrarie notwithstanding.

And bee it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid that in case it bee objected to, or against any Shierif, or Shierifes, or other accomptauntes, in the kinges Courte of Exchequier, or in any other his courtes, that any Shierif or Shierifes, other then Officers  
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accoumptaūt haue receiued, or taken any soche fines, issues, or amercia-  
mentes by this present acte pardoned, and acquitted, that then eu e-  
ry soche Shierief, & Shierifes and other accoumptauntes shalbe di-  
scharged, released, pardoned, and acquitted therof by his, or their othe  
without any fether triall in that behalfe.

Prōvided alwaie that this present acte of free pardon, nor any thing  
therin contēined, in any wise extēde to discharge, remit, or acquite a-  
ny persone, or persones for any soche issues, fines, or amerciamētes,  
as any Shierief heretofore haue accoumpted for, before the Barones  
of the kinges Exchequer, or elsewhere, and paid thesame issues, fi-  
nes, and amerciamētes vpon his, or their said accoumpt determined  
to the kinges vse, and hath his, or their quietus est for thesame.

Prōvided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid,  
that it shalbe lefull to al, and euery clerke, and other officer, of any the  
kinges Courtes to awarde, and make writtes of *Capias vilegatum*, at the  
suite of the partie plaintiff against soche persones outlawed, as bee  
pardoned by this Acte, to thintent to compell the defendaunt, and de-  
fēdauntes to make aunswere to the plaintiff, or plaintiffes, at whose  
suite he, or they were outlawed. And that euery persone so outlawed,  
shal sue a writ of *Scire facias* against the partie, or parties, at whose suite  
he, or they were so outlawed before this pardone in that behalfe shalbe  
allowed to him that so is outlawed.

Prōvided alwaie that this acte of generall, and free pardone, or a-  
ny thing therin contēined shall not extēde to Cardinall Beale, Jef-  
frey Beale, doctour Hilliard, Michael Throkmetton, Richard Beale,

Goldwell, Ihon Clement doctour of Physick, Ihon Storie  
doctour of the lawe, William Rastall, Anthonie Bonuice, Balthaser  
Gnarley Surgeon, Benedict Bonuice, Germain Seone to Edward  
Traiforde, alias Crafforde, Thomas Craiforde alias Craiforth, Tho-  
mas Finche, Thomas Rainoldes of Whitstable in the Countie of  
Kent yeoman, ne to William Bedell, ne to Thomas Rainoldes, nor  
to any of them, for any kinde of treason, nor for any fellonie, robberie,  
wilfull murder, or burglary by them, or any of them committed, or  
doon before thesaid. xx. date of Marche, in the yere of our lord God,  
a M. D. lii, ne to discharge, or acquite any persone, or persons, whiche

haue procured, aided, assisted, or counsailled the, or any of the to  
bzeake any prisone, or to go, or flie ouer the sea without the  
kinges licence, any thing in this acte of free pardone  
to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

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